
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Local Authorities (England) (Charges
for Property Searches) Regulations 2008**

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, “access to property records” means access to property records granted by a local authority in any of the following ways—

- (a) allowing a person to inspect or search property records at a place designated by the authority for doing so;
- (b) allowing the making of or providing copies of, property records; or
- (c) the electronic transmission of property records, or copies of such records,

and in these Regulations, the expression “access to property records” is to be construed accordingly.

(2) In these Regulations, a reference to a local authority “answering enquiries about a property” means—

- (a) the answering by the authority of any specific oral or written enquiries from a person about a property or property records; or
- (b) the carrying out by the authority of any activities for the purposes of answering such enquiries.

(3) In these Regulations—

“financial year” means a period of twelve consecutive months ending with 31st March;

“free statutory information” means information required to be provided by a local authority under an enactment, where that enactment expressly—

- (a) prohibits a local authority from making a charge for doing so; or
- (b) requires that the authority provides the information free of charge;

“local authority” means—

- (a) a county council;
- (b) a district council;
- (c) a London Borough Council;
- (d) the Common Council of the City of London; and
- (e) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;

“internal transaction” means the granting of access to property records by one department of a local authority to another department of that authority;

“property” means a specified building or structure or specified land in relation to which property records are held by a local authority;

“property records”—

- (a) includes documents, registers, files and archives (held in any form by the local authority), which relate to a property;

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- (b) includes information derived from such documents, registers, files and archives; but
 - (c) excludes the local land charges register kept under section 3(2) of the Local Land Charges Act 1975⁽¹⁾;
- “request” includes a written, oral, electronic or automated request; and
- “unit charge” means the charge described in regulation 6(2).

⁽¹⁾ 1975 c. 76.