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GENDER RECOGNITION

**The Gender Recognition (Application Fees) (Amendment)
Order 2008**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>7th March 2008</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>12th March 2008</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>6th April 2008</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 7(2) and 24(1) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004(a), makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Gender Recognition (Application Fees) (Amendment) Order 2008 and comes into force on 6th April 2008.

Amendments to the Gender Recognition (Application Fees) Order 2006

2. The Gender Recognition (Application Fees) Order 2006(b) is amended as follows.

3. In article 2 (application fees), in the first column of the table (relevant income of applicant)—

(1) in the first entry, for “£24,019” substitute “£24,956”, and

(2) for the second entry substitute “Greater than £16,642 but not greater than £24,956”.

4. In article 3 (circumstances in which no fee is payable), in paragraph (a)(ii), for “£16,017” substitute “£16,642”.

5. In article 5 (definition of qualifying benefit), in paragraph (b), for “£16,017” substitute “£16,642”.

Transitional provision

6. This Order does not apply in relation to applications made before 6th April 2008.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

7th March 2008

Michael Wills
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

(a) 2004 c.7; section 7 was amended by the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33), section 250.
(b) S.I. 2006/758 as amended by S.I. 2007/839.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 7(2) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004 (c.7) (“the Act”) provides that fees are payable for certain applications to a Gender Recognition Panel under the Act. The Gender Recognition (Application Fees) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/758 as amended by S.I. 2007/839) (“the Fees Order”) prescribes the level of those fees and the circumstances in which no fee is payable. Two levels of fee are prescribed, depending on the income of the applicant. This Order, which comes into force on 6th April 2008 in relation to applications made on or after that date, amends the Fees Order to increase those income thresholds. It raises the income above which a fee of £30 becomes payable from £16,017 to £16,642, and raises the income above which a fee of £140 becomes payable from £24,019 to £24,956.

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