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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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### 2015 No. 551

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, ENGLAND

### The Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2015

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>4th March 2015</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th March 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2015</i>

The Secretary of State for Education makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 87D(2) and 104(4)(a) of the Children Act 1989 <sup>M1</sup>, sections 12(2), 15(3), 16(3), 31(7) and 118(5), (6) and (7) of the Care Standards Act 2000 <sup>M2</sup> and sections 155(1) and (2) and 181(2)(a) and (b) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 <sup>M3</sup>.

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1989 c.41. Section 87D was inserted by section 108 of the [Care Standards Act 2000 \(c.14\)](#). See section 87(10) for the definition of “appropriate authority” and section 87(11) and (12) for the definition of “relevant person”.
- M2** 2000 c.14. See section 121 for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”. Section 12(2) was amended by section 105(3) of the [Health and Social Care \(Community Health and Standards\) Act 2003 \(c.43\)](#) and by paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to the [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(c.14\)](#). Section 15(3) was amended by paragraph 14(b) of Schedule 5 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008. Section 16(3) was substituted by section 105(6) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 and amended by paragraph 15 of Schedule 5 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008. Section 31(7) was amended by paragraph 27 of Schedule 5 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008. Sections 12(2), 15(3), 16(3) and 31(7) were applied to a person who carries on or manages a holiday scheme for disabled children by regulation 2(1), (2)(b), (d), (e) and (j) of the [Care Standards Act 2000 \(Extension of the Application of Part 2 to Holiday Schemes for Disabled Children\) \(England\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/253\)](#), with the modifications specified in paragraphs 2 and 6 of the Schedule to those Regulations.
- M3** 2006 c.40. See sections 147(3) and 155(12) for the definition of “relevant functions” in relation to a local authority. Section 181(2) was amended by section 23(3)(b) of the [Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008 \(no.2\)](#).

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## PART 1

### General

#### Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 1st April 2015.

#### Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“approved place” means—

- (a) in relation to a children's home <sup>M4</sup>, boarding school, residential college or residential special school, a bed provided for the use of a service user at night; and
- (b) in relation to a residential family centre <sup>M5</sup>, overnight accommodation which is appropriate to a single family;
- (c) [<sup>F1</sup>in relation to a supported accommodation undertaking, premises at which supported accommodation is to be provided by the undertaking;]

“boarding school” means a school (not being a residential special school or a school which is a children's home or care home <sup>M6</sup>) providing accommodation for any child, and “school” has the meaning given to it in section 4 of the Education Act 1996 <sup>M7</sup>;

“Chief Inspector” means Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills;

“holiday scheme for disabled children” has the same meaning as in the Care Standards Act 2000 (Extension of the Application of Part 2 to Holiday Schemes for Disabled Children) (England) Regulations 2013 <sup>M8</sup>;

[<sup>F2</sup>“large supported accommodation undertaking” means a supported accommodation undertaking which has 10 or more approved places;]

[<sup>F3</sup>“multi-building children’s home” means a children’s home where the care and accommodation is provided in more than one building;]

“relevant number of staff” means—

- (a) in the case of a voluntary adoption agency <sup>M9</sup>, seven full-time staff or the equivalent, excluding the manager or, as the case may be, branch manager, appointed in accordance with the Voluntary Adoption Agencies and the Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 <sup>M10</sup>;
- (b) in the case of an adoption support agency <sup>M11</sup>, two full-time staff or the equivalent, excluding the manager appointed in accordance with the Adoption Support Agencies (England) and Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2005 <sup>M12</sup> or anyone employed solely as a receptionist or administrator;

“residential college” means a college as defined in section 87(10) <sup>M13</sup> of the Children Act 1989 which provides accommodation for any child;

“residential special school” means—

- (a) a special school within the meaning of section 337 of the Education Act 1996 <sup>M14</sup>;

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- (b) an independent educational institution which has been entered on the register of independent educational institutions in England and which is specially organised to make special educational provision for pupils with special educational needs (within the meaning of section 579 of the Education Act 1996<sup>M15</sup>),

which is not a registered children's home but which provides accommodation for any child;

[<sup>F4</sup>“secure children’s home” means—

- (a) a children’s home provided for the purpose of restricting liberty and approved for that purpose in accordance with regulation 3 of the Children (Secure Accommodation) Regulations 1991; or
- (b) <sup>F5</sup>... a secure 16 to 19 Academy approved under section 1B(4) of the Academies Act 2010;]

“small adoption support agency” means an adoption support agency where no more than the relevant number of staff are employed at any one time;

“small branch” means a branch where no more than the relevant number of staff are employed at any one time as social workers;

“small children's home” means a children's home<sup>F6</sup>, other than a multi-building children’s home,] which has fewer than four approved places;

“small principal office” means a principal office where no more than the relevant number of staff are employed at any one time as social workers;

“small residential family centre” means a residential family centre which has fewer than four approved places;

[<sup>F7</sup>“small supported accommodation undertaking” means a supported accommodation undertaking which has fewer than 10 approved places;]

“social worker” means a person who is registered as such in [<sup>F8</sup>the register of social workers in England maintained under section 39(1) of the Children and Social Work Act 2017].

[<sup>F9</sup>“supported accommodation” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (Extension of the Application of Part 2 to Supported Accommodation) (England) Regulations 2022;]

[<sup>F9</sup>“supported accommodation undertaking” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (Extension of the Application of Part 2 to Supported Accommodation) (England) Regulations 2022.]

### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 2](#) inserted (28.4.2023) by [The Supported Accommodation \(England\) Regulations 2023](#) (S.I. 2023/416), [regs. 1\(2\), 39\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 44](#))
- F2** Words in [reg. 2](#) inserted (28.4.2023) by [The Supported Accommodation \(England\) Regulations 2023](#) (S.I. 2023/416), [regs. 1\(2\), 39\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 44](#))
- F3** Words in [reg. 2](#) inserted (1.4.2022) by [Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(Children’s Homes etc.\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#) (S.I. 2022/196), [regs. 1\(1\), 4\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words in [reg. 2](#) substituted (1.4.2023) by [The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children’s Services and Skills \(Fees\) \(Amendments\) Regulations 2023](#) (S.I. 2023/276), [regs. 1\(2\)\(b\), 6](#)
- F5** Word in [reg. 2](#) omitted (1.4.2024) by virtue of [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children’s Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) (S.I. 2024/315), [regs. 1\(2\), 10](#)

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- F6** Words in reg. 2 inserted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **4(b)**
- F7** Words in reg. 2 inserted (28.4.2023) by The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/416), regs. 1(2), **39(2)(c)** (with reg. 44)
- F8** Words in reg. 2 substituted (2.12.2019) by The Children and Social Work Act 2017 (Consequential Amendments) (Social Workers) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1094), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 36**; S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b)
- F9** Words in reg. 2 inserted (28.4.2023) by The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/416), regs. 1(2), **39(2)(d)** (with reg. 44)

### Marginal Citations

- M4** Section 1 of the Care Standards Act 2000 defines "children's home".
- M5** Section 4 of the Care Standards Act 2000 defines "residential family centre". Regulation 3 of the Residential Family Centres Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/3213) excepts certain establishments from that definition.
- M6** Section 3 of the Care Standards Act 2000 defines "care home".
- M7** 1996 c.56. Section 4 was amended by: section 51 of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 7, and Schedule 8 to, the Education Act 1997 (c.44); Schedule 22 to the Education Act 2002 (c.32); section 95(2) and (3) of the Childcare Act 2006 (c.21); paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 13 to the Education Act 2011 (c.21); and paragraph 97 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2010/1080.
- M8** S.I. 2013/253.
- M9** Section 4(7) of the Care Standards Act 2000 defines "voluntary adoption agency".
- M10** S.I. 2003/367, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
- M11** Section 4(7A) of the Care Standards Act 2000 defines "adoption support agency".
- M12** S.I. 2005/2720, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
- M13** The definition of "college" in section 87D(10) was amended by paragraph 6(4)(a) of Schedule 13 to the Education Act 2011.
- M14** Section 337 was substituted by paragraph 36 of Schedule 3 to the Children and Families Act 2014 (c.6).
- M15** The definitions of "special educational provision" and "special educational needs" were inserted into section 579 by paragraph 59(b) of Schedule 3 to the Children and Families Act 2014.

## PART 2

### Registration Fees

#### Introductory

##### 3. This Part—

- (a) applies for the purposes of section 12(2) of the Care Standards Act 2000 (application for registration); and
- (b) prescribes the fee that must accompany an application for registration under Part 2 of that Act.

#### Voluntary adoption agencies

4.—(1) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a voluntary adoption agency, the fee, subject to paragraph (2), is—

- (a) [<sup>F10</sup>£3551]; and

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- (b) if the voluntary adoption agency has, in addition to its principal office, one or more branches, an additional sum of—
- (i) [F11£3551] in respect of each branch that is not a small branch, and
  - (ii) [F12£968] in respect of each small branch.
- (2) If the voluntary adoption agency has a small principal office, the fee is—
- (a) [F13£968]; and
  - (b) if the voluntary adoption agency has, in addition to its small principal office, one or more branches, an additional sum of—
    - (i) [F14£3551] in respect of each branch that is not a small branch, and
    - (ii) [F15£968] in respect of each small branch.

#### Textual Amendments

- F10** Sum in reg. 4(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch.](#)
- F11** Sum in reg. 4(1)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch.](#)
- F12** Sum in reg. 4(1)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch.](#)
- F13** Sum in reg. 4(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch.](#)
- F14** Sum in reg. 4(2)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch.](#)
- F15** Sum in reg. 4(2)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch.](#)

#### Adoption support agencies

5.—(1) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on an adoption support agency that is not a small adoption support agency, the fee is [F16£3284].

(2) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a small adoption support agency, the fee is [F17£968].

(3) Where the application is for registration as the person who manages an adoption support agency that is not a small adoption support agency, the fee is [F18£821].

#### Textual Amendments

- F16** Sum in reg. 5(1) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch.](#)

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- F17** Sum in reg. 5(2) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F18** Sum in reg. 5(3) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

### Children's homes

6.—<sup>F19</sup>(1) Subject to paragraph (4), where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a multi-building children's home <sup>F20</sup>..., the fee is [<sup>F21</sup>£3842].]

<sup>F22</sup>(1A) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a children's home that is not a small children's home, the fee is £3284.]

(2) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a small children's home, the fee is [<sup>F23</sup>£1394].

<sup>F24</sup>(3) Subject to paragraph (4), where the application is for registration as the person who manages a multi-building children's home or a children's home that is not a small children's home, the fee is £910.

(4) The fees payable in respect of a multi-building children's home do not apply to the following—

- (a) a school which is a children's home under section 1(6) of the Care Standards Act 2000; and
- (b) a secure children's home.]

### Textual Amendments

- F19** Reg. 6(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **5(a)**
- F20** Words in reg. 6(1) omitted (1.4.2024) by virtue of The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **11(a)**
- F21** Sum in reg. 6(1) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F22** Reg. 6(1A) inserted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **11(b)**
- F23** Sum in reg. 6(2) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F24** Reg. 6(3)(4) substituted for reg. 6(3) (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **5(b)**

### Residential family centres

7.—(1) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a residential family centre that is not a small residential family centre, the fee is [<sup>F25</sup>£3284].

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(2) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a small residential family centre, the fee is [<sup>F26</sup>£1163].

(3) Where the application is for registration as the person who manages a residential family centre that is not a small residential family centre, the fee is [<sup>F27</sup>£910].

#### Textual Amendments

- F25** Sum in reg. 7(1) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch.](#)
- F26** Sum in reg. 7(2) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch.](#)
- F27** Sum in reg. 7(3) substituted (1.4.2023) by [The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees\) \(Amendments\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/276\)](#), reg. 1(2)(b), [Sch.](#)

#### Fostering agencies

8.—(1) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a fostering agency, the fee is [<sup>F28</sup>£3284].

(2) Where the application is for registration as the person who manages a fostering agency, the fee is [<sup>F29</sup>£910].

#### Textual Amendments

- F28** Sum in reg. 8(1) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch.](#)
- F29** Sum in reg. 8(2) substituted (1.5.2019) by [The Children's Homes etc. Inspection Fees, Childcare Fees, Adoption and Children Act Register \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/835\)](#), regs. 1(2), 3, [Sch.](#)

#### Holiday schemes for disabled children

9.—(1) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a holiday scheme for disabled children, the fee is £596.

(2) Where the application is for registration as the person who manages a holiday scheme for disabled children, the fee is £596.

#### [<sup>F30</sup>Supported accommodation undertakings

9A.—(1) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a small supported accommodation undertaking, the fee is £3,600.

(2) Where the application is for registration as the person who carries on a large supported accommodation undertaking, the fee is £4,600.

(3) Where the application is for registration as the individual who manages a supported accommodation undertaking, the fee is [<sup>F31</sup>£910].]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F30** Reg. 9A inserted (28.4.2023) by [The Supported Accommodation \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/416\)](#), regs. 1(2), **39(3)** (with reg. 44)
- F31** Sum in reg. 9A(3) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Providers of social work services

<sup>F32</sup>**10.** . . . . .

#### Textual Amendments

- F32** Reg. 10 revoked (26.5.2015) by [The Deregulation Act 2015 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/971\)](#), art. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 4 para. 2**; and expressed to be revoked (1.4.2016) by [Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(Children's Homes etc.\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/322\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(a)**

## PART 3

### Variation Fees

#### Introductory

**11.—(1)** This Part—

- (a) applies for the purposes of section 15(3) of the Care Standards Act 2000 (applications by registered persons); and
- (b) prescribes the fee that must accompany an application under section 15(1)(a) of that Act.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, a variation of a condition for the time being in force in relation to a registration is a “minor variation” if, in the opinion of the Chief Inspector, it would, if made, require no material alteration to any register kept by virtue of section 11(4) <sup>M16</sup> of that Act.

#### Marginal Citations

- M16** Section 11(4) was amended by: paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003; paragraph 42 of Schedule 14 to the Education and Inspections Act 2006; and paragraph 10(c) of Schedule 5, and Schedule 15, to the Health and Social Care Act 2008. Section 11(4) was applied to a person who carries on or manages a holiday scheme for disabled children by regulation 2(1) and (2)(a) of the Care Standards Act 2000 (Extension of the Application of Part 2 to Holiday Schemes for Disabled Children) (England) Regulations 2003.

#### Voluntary adoption agencies

**12.—(1)** — Where the application relates to a voluntary adoption agency, the fee, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), is—

- (a) where the agency has a principal office that is not small, [<sup>F33</sup>£910]; and



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- (b) where the agency has a small principal office, [<sup>F34</sup>£821].
- (2) Where the application relates to the establishment of a branch, the fee is—
- (a) [<sup>F35</sup>£910] in respect of each proposed new branch that is not a small branch; and
- (b) [<sup>F36</sup>£821] in respect of each proposed new small branch.
- (3) In the case of an application for a minor variation, the fee is [<sup>F37</sup>£161].

#### Textual Amendments

- F33** Sum in reg. 12(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), 10, **Sch.**
- F34** Sum in reg. 12(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F35** Sum in reg. 12(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), 10, **Sch.**
- F36** Sum in reg. 12(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F37** Sum in reg. 12(3) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Adoption support agencies

- 13.—(1) Where the application relates to an adoption support agency that is not a small adoption support agency, the fee, subject to paragraph (3), is [<sup>F38</sup>£910].
- (2) Where the application relates to a small adoption support agency, the fee, subject to paragraph (3), is [<sup>F39</sup>£821].
- (3) In the case of an application for a minor variation, the fee is [<sup>F40</sup>£161].

#### Textual Amendments

- F38** Sum in reg. 13(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), 10, **Sch.**
- F39** Sum in reg. 13(2) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F40** Sum in reg. 13(3) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Children's homes

- 14.—[<sup>F41</sup>(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), where the application relates to a multi-building children's home or a children's home that is not a small children's home, the fee is £910.]

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(2) Where the application relates to a small children's home, the fee, subject to paragraph (3), is [<sup>F42</sup>£910].

(3) In the case of an application for a minor variation, the fee is [<sup>F43</sup>£233].

[<sup>F44</sup>(4) The fees payable in respect of a multi-building children's home do not apply to the following—

- (a) a school which is a children's home under section 1(6) of the Care Standards Act 2000; and
- (b) a secure children's home.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F41** Reg. 14(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **6(a)**
- F42** Sum in reg. 14(2) substituted (1.5.2019) by The Children's Homes etc. Inspection Fees, Childcare Fees, Adoption and Children Act Register (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/835), regs. 1(2), 3, **Sch.**
- F43** Sum in reg. 14(3) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F44** Reg. 14(4) inserted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **6(b)**

#### Residential family centres

15.—(1) Where the application relates to a residential family centre that is not a small residential family centre, the fee, subject to paragraph (3), is [<sup>F45</sup>£910].

(2) Where the application relates to a small residential family centre, the fee, subject to paragraph (3), is [<sup>F46</sup>£910].

(3) In the case of an application for a minor variation, the fee is [<sup>F47</sup>£193].

#### Textual Amendments

- F45** Sum in reg. 15(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), 10, **Sch.**
- F46** Sum in reg. 15(2) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), reg. 1(2)(b), **Sch.**
- F47** Sum in reg. 15(3) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Fostering agencies

16.—(1) Where the application relates to a fostering agency, the fee, subject to paragraph (2), is [<sup>F48</sup>£910].

(2) In the case of an application for a minor variation, the fee is [<sup>F49</sup>£233].

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#### Textual Amendments

- F48** Sum in reg. 16(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), 10, **Sch.**
- F49** Sum in reg. 16(2) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### [<sup>F50</sup>Supported accommodation undertakings

**16A.**—(1) Where the application relates to a supported accommodation undertaking, the fee, subject to paragraph (2), is £910.

(2) In the case of an application for a minor variation, the fee is [<sup>F51</sup>£211].]

#### Textual Amendments

- F50** Reg. 16A inserted (28.4.2023) by The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/416), regs. 1(2), **39(4)** (with reg. 44)
- F51** Sum in reg. 16A(2) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Providers of social work services

<sup>F52</sup>**17.** .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F52** Reg. 17 revoked (26.5.2015) by The Deregulation Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/971), art. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 4 para. 2**; and expressed to be revoked (1.4.2016) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/322), regs. 1(1), **3(b)**

## PART 4

### Annual Fees

#### Interpretation and introductory

**18.**—(1) In this Part—

“certificate” means a certificate of registration issued under section 13(4) <sup>M17</sup> of the Care Standards Act 2000 (grant or refusal of registration);

“existing provider” means a person who immediately before 1st April 2002—

- (a) was registered under Part 1 or 2 of the Registered Homes Act 1984 <sup>M18</sup> in respect of a residential care home or a nursing home;

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- (b) carried on a home that was registered in a register kept for the purposes of section 60<sup>M19</sup> of the Children Act 1989 (voluntary homes); or
  - (c) carried on a home that was registered under Part 8 of that Act;
- “new provider” means a person who—
- (a) carries on a children's home and first carried on that home on or after 1st April 2002;
  - (b) carries on a voluntary adoption agency and first carried on that agency on or after 30th April 2003;
- “previously exempt provider” means a person who immediately before 1st April 2002 carried on an establishment other than—
- (a) a residential care home or nursing home in respect of which a person was required to be registered under Part 1 or 2 of the Registered Homes Act 1984;
  - (b) a home that was required to be registered in a register kept for the purposes of section 60 of the Children Act 1989; or
  - (c) a home that was registered under Part 8 of that Act.
- (2) In this Part—
- (a) regulation 19 applies for the purposes of section 87D(2) of the Children Act 1989;
  - (b) regulations 20 to 25 <sup>[F53]</sup>and 26A] apply for the purposes of section 16(3) of the Care Standards Act 2000; and
  - (c) regulation 26 applies for the purposes of section 155(1) and (2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

#### Textual Amendments

**F53** Words in reg. 18(2)(b) inserted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), regs. 1(2), 12

#### Marginal Citations

**M17** Section 13(4) was applied to a person who carries on or manages a holiday scheme for disabled children by regulations 35 and 39 of the [Residential Holiday Schemes for Disabled Children \(England\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1394\)](#), with the modifications specified at paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to those Regulations and in accordance with the transitional provision specified at Schedule 10 to those Regulations.

**M18** 1984 c.23. The Registered Homes Act 1984 was repealed by Schedule 6 to the Care Standards Act 2000. Section 1 defined “residential care home” and section 21 defined “nursing home”.

**M19** Section 60 has since been amended by paragraph 14(9) of Schedule 4, and Schedule 6, to the Care Standards Act 2000.

### Boarding schools, residential colleges and residential special schools

**19.**—(1) The relevant person in respect of a boarding school must pay an annual fee and the fee is, where the boarding school—

- (a) has 3 or fewer approved places, <sup>[F54]</sup>£1223];
- (b) has between 4 and 12 approved places—
  - (i) <sup>[F55]</sup>£1223], plus
  - (ii) <sup>[F56]</sup>£74] for each approved place from the 4th to the 12th place inclusive;

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- (c) has between 13 and 50 approved places, [<sup>F57</sup>£1921];
  - (d) has between 51 and 500 approved places, [<sup>F58</sup>£2688];
  - (e) has more than 500 approved places, [<sup>F59</sup>£2856].
- (2) The relevant person in respect of a residential college must pay an annual fee and the fee is, where the residential college—
- (a) has 3 or fewer approved places, [<sup>F60</sup>£1627];
  - (b) has between 4 and [<sup>F61</sup>10] approved places—
    - (i) [<sup>F62</sup>£1627], plus
    - (ii) [<sup>F63</sup>£100] for each approved place from the 4th to the [<sup>F64</sup>10th] place inclusive;
  - (c) has more than [<sup>F65</sup>10] approved places, [<sup>F66</sup>£2401].
- (3) The relevant person in respect of a residential special school must pay an annual fee and the fee is, where the residential special school—
- (a) has 3 or fewer approved places, [<sup>F67</sup>£2993];
  - (b) has between 4 and [<sup>F68</sup>13] approved places—
    - (i) [<sup>F69</sup>£2993], plus
    - (ii) [<sup>F70</sup>£299] for each approved place from the 4th to the [<sup>F71</sup>13th] place inclusive;
  - (c) has more than [<sup>F72</sup>13] approved places, [<sup>F73</sup>£5995].
- (4) The annual fee in respect of a boarding school, residential college or residential special school is payable—
- (a) in the case of a school or college that was providing accommodation for any child on 1st January 2002, on 1st September in each year;
  - (b) in the case of a school or college established after 1st January 2002 and before 1st April 2015, on the anniversary of the date on which the school or college was established;
  - (c) otherwise, on the date of the establishment of the school or college, and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

#### Textual Amendments

- F54** Sum in reg. 19(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F55** Sum in reg. 19(1)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F56** Sum in reg. 19(1)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F57** Sum in reg. 19(1)(c) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F58** Sum in reg. 19(1)(d) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

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- F59** Sum in reg. 19(1)(e) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F60** Sum in reg. 19(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F61** Word in reg. 19(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **7(a)**
- F62** Sum in reg. 19(2)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F63** Sum in reg. 19(2)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F64** Word in reg. 19(2)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **7(b)**
- F65** Word in reg. 19(2)(c) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **7(c)**
- F66** Sum in reg. 19(2)(c) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F67** Sum in reg. 19(3)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F68** Word in reg. 19(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **13(a)**
- F69** Sum in reg. 19(3)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F70** Sum in reg. 19(3)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F71** Word in reg. 19(3)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **13(b)**
- F72** Word in reg. 19(3)(c) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **13(a)**
- F73** Sum in reg. 19(3)(c) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), reg. 1(2)(b), **Sch.**

### Voluntary adoption agencies

**20.—(1)** The annual fee payable in respect of a voluntary adoption agency is, subject to paragraph (2)—

- (a) [<sup>F74</sup>£2453]; and
- (b) if the voluntary adoption agency has, in addition to its principal office, one or more branches, an additional sum of—

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- (i) [<sup>F75</sup>£2453] in respect of each branch that is not a small branch, and
  - (ii) [<sup>F76</sup>£1301] in respect of each small branch.
- (2) If the voluntary adoption agency has a small principal office, the fee is—
- [<sup>F77</sup>(a) £1301];
  - (b) if the voluntary adoption agency has, in addition to its small principal office, one or more branches, an additional sum of—
    - (i) [<sup>F78</sup>£2453] in respect of each branch that is not a small branch, and
    - (ii) [<sup>F79</sup>£1301] in respect of each small branch.
- (3) The annual fee is payable—
- (a) in the case of a person who carries on an agency that was an adoption society approved under Part 1 of the Adoption Act 1976 <sup>M20</sup>, on 30th April in each year;
  - (b) in the case of a new provider registered before 1st April 2015, on the anniversary of the date on which the certificate was issued;
  - (c) otherwise, on the date on which the certificate is issued, and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

#### Textual Amendments

- F74** Sum in reg. 20(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F75** Sum in reg. 20(1)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F76** Sum in reg. 20(1)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F77** Sum in reg. 20(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F78** Sum in reg. 20(2)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F79** Sum in reg. 20(2)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Marginal Citations

- M20** 1976 c.36. Part 1 of the Adoption Act 1976 was repealed by Schedule 5 to the [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c.38\)](#).

#### Adoption support agencies

- 21.—**(1) The annual fee payable in respect of an adoption support agency that is not a small adoption support agency, is [<sup>F80</sup>£1648].
- (2) The annual fee payable in respect of a small adoption support agency is [<sup>F81</sup>£1301].
- (3) The annual fee is payable—

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- (a) if the certificate was issued before 1st April 2015, on the anniversary of the date on which the certificate was issued;
- (b) otherwise, on the date on which the certificate is issued, and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

#### Textual Amendments

- F80** Sum in reg. 21(1) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), reg. 1(2)(b), **Sch.**
- F81** Sum in reg. 21(2) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Fostering agencies

- 22.**—(1) The annual fee payable in respect of a fostering agency is [<sup>F82</sup>£3658].
- (2) The annual fee is payable—
- (a) if the certificate was issued before 1st April 2003, on 1st April in each year;
  - (b) if the certificate was issued on or after 1st April 2003 but before 1st April 2015, on the anniversary of the date on which the certificate was issued;
  - (c) otherwise, on the date on which the certificate is issued, and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

#### Textual Amendments

- F82** Sum in reg. 22(1) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

#### Children's homes

- 23.**—(1) [<sup>F83</sup>Subject to paragraphs (1A) and (1B), the annual fee] payable in respect of a children's home is—
- (a) where the home has 3 or fewer approved places, [<sup>F84</sup>£3744];
  - (b) where the home has between 4 and [<sup>F85</sup>16] approved places,
    - (i) [<sup>F86</sup>£3744], plus
    - (ii) [<sup>F87</sup>£373] for each approved place from the 4th to the [<sup>F88</sup>16th] inclusive;
  - (c) where the home has more than [<sup>F89</sup>16] approved places, [<sup>F90</sup>£8629].
- [<sup>F91</sup>(1A) The annual fee payable in respect of a multi-building children's home is—
- (a) where there are 3 or fewer approved places, [<sup>F92</sup>£5615];
  - (b) where there are between 4 and 6 approved places,
    - (i) [<sup>F93</sup>£5615], plus
    - (ii) [<sup>F94</sup>£373] for each approved place from the 4th to the 6th inclusive.
- (1B) The fees payable in respect of a multi-building children's home do not apply to the following—



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- (a) a school which is a children's home under section 1(6) of the Care Standards Act 2000; and
  - (b) a secure children's home.]
- (2) The annual fee in respect of a children's home is payable—
- (a) in the case of an existing provider, on the anniversary of the date on which the annual fee was payable under the Registered Homes Act 1984 Act or the Children Act 1989;
  - (b) in the case of an existing provider, where an annual fee was not previously payable under the Children Act 1989, on 1st April in each year;
  - (c) in the case of a previously exempt provider, on 1st April in each year;
  - (d) in the case of a new provider if the certificate was issued before 1st April 2015, on the anniversary of the date of issue of the certificate;
  - (e) otherwise, on the date on which the certificate is issued and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

### Textual Amendments

- F83** Words in reg. 23(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **8(a)**
- F84** Sum in reg. 23(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F85** Word in reg. 23(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **14(a)**
- F86** Sum in reg. 23(1)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F87** Sum in reg. 23(1)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F88** Word in reg. 23(1)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **14(b)**
- F89** Word in reg. 23(1)(c) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **14(a)**
- F90** Sum in reg. 23(1)(c) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), reg. 1(2)(b), **Sch.**
- F91** Reg. 23(1A)(1B) inserted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **8(e)**
- F92** Sum in reg. 23(1A)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F93** Sum in reg. 23(1A)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**
- F94** Sum in reg. 23(1A)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

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## Residential family centres

- 24.—(1) The annual fee payable in respect of a residential family centre is—
- (a) where the centre has 3 or fewer approved places, [<sup>F95</sup>£2078];
  - (b) where the centre has 4 approved places, [<sup>F96</sup>£2104];
  - (c) where the centre has more than 4 approved places, [<sup>F97</sup>£2104].
- (2) The annual fee in respect of a residential family centre is payable—
- (a) in the case of an existing provider, on the anniversary of the date on which the annual fee was payable under the Registered Homes Act 1984 Act or the Children Act 1989;
  - (b) in the case of a previously exempt provider, on 1st April in each year;
  - (c) in the case of a new provider if the certificate was issued before 1st April 2015, on the anniversary of the date of issue of the certificate;
  - (d) otherwise, on the date on which the certificate is issued and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

### Textual Amendments

- F95** Sum in reg. 24(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), reg. 1(2)(b), **Sch.**
- F96** Sum in reg. 24(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), reg. 1(2)(b), **Sch.**
- F97** Sum in reg. 24(1)(c) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), reg. 1(2)(b), **Sch.**

## Holiday schemes for disabled children

- 25.—(1) The annual fee payable in respect of a holiday scheme for disabled children is [<sup>F98</sup>£500].
- (2) The annual fee in respect of a holiday scheme for disabled children is payable—
- (a) if the certificate was issued before 1st April 2015, on the anniversary of the date on which the certificate was issued;
  - (b) otherwise, on the date on which the certificate is issued, and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

### Textual Amendments

- F98** Sum in reg. 25(1) substituted (1.4.2017) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/245), regs. 1(1), 2, **Sch.**

## Local authority adoption and fostering functions

- 26.—(1) A local authority must pay to the Chief Inspector an annual fee in respect of—
- (a) the discharge by the authority of relevant adoption functions, of [<sup>F99</sup>£2471]; and
  - (b) the discharge by the authority of relevant fostering functions, of [<sup>F100</sup>£3216].
- (2) In this regulation “relevant adoption functions” and “relevant fostering functions” have the meaning given in section 43 <sup>M21</sup> of the Care Standards Act 2000.

**Changes to legislation:** The Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2015 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 30 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

(3) An annual fee under this regulation is payable on 1st April 2015 and thereafter on the anniversary of that date.

#### Textual Amendments

- F99** Sum in reg. 26(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch.](#)
- F100** Sum in reg. 26(1)(b) substituted (1.5.2019) by [The Children's Homes etc. Inspection Fees, Childcare Fees, Adoption and Children Act Register \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/835\)](#), regs. 1(2), 3, [Sch.](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M21** Section 43(3)(a) of the Care Standards Act 2000 was amended by paragraph 112 of Schedule 3 to the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Section 43(3)(b) of the Care Standards Act 2000 was substituted by paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 2008.

### [<sup>F101</sup>Supported accommodation undertakings

**26A.**—(1) The annual fee payable in respect of a small supported accommodation undertaking is £2,700.

(2) The annual fee payable in respect of a large supported accommodation undertaking is £3,000.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F101** [Reg. 26A](#) inserted (1.4.2024) by [The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills \(Fees and Frequency of Inspections\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/315\)](#), regs. 1(2), [15](#)

## PART 5

### Frequency of Inspections

#### [<sup>F102</sup>Frequency of inspections

**27.**—(1) The Chief Inspector must arrange for premises which are used—

- (a) for the purposes of a children's home, to be inspected, subject to paragraphs [<sup>F103</sup>(2), (3), (3ZA), (3ZB), (3A) and (3B)], at least twice in every year;
- (b) for the purposes of a residential family centre, a voluntary adoption agency, an adoption support agency or a fostering agency, to be inspected [<sup>F104</sup>, subject to paragraph (1A),] at least once in every three year period;
- (c) for the purposes of a holiday scheme for disabled children, at least once in every year.

[<sup>F105</sup>(1A) The Chief Inspector must comply with paragraph (1)(b) subject to the following—

- (a) where an inspection under paragraph (1)(b) was due to be carried out before 1st April 2021 but was not carried out, an inspection must take place before 1st April 2023 and thereafter at least once in every three year period;

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- (b) where an inspection under paragraph (1)(b) was due to be carried out before 1st April 2022 but was not carried out, an inspection must take place before 1st April 2024 and thereafter at least once in every three year period; or
  - (c) where an inspection under paragraph (1)(b) was due to be carried out before 1st April 2023 but was not carried out before that date, an inspection must take place before 1st April 2025 and thereafter at least once in every three year period.]
- (2) Where the Chief Inspector registers a person in respect of a children's home before 1st October in any year, only one inspection of that children's home is to be carried out in that year.
- (3) Where the Chief Inspector registers a person in respect of a children's home on or after 1st October in any year, no inspection of that children's home is to be carried out in that year.
- [<sup>F106</sup>(3ZA) Paragraph (1)(a) does not apply to a closed children's home.
- (3ZB) Where a closed children's home ceases to be a closed children's home—
- (a) before 1st October in any year, the Chief Inspector must arrange for that children's home to be inspected at least once before 31st March that year;
  - (b) on or after 1st October in any year, no inspection of that children's home is to be carried out that year.]
- [<sup>F107</sup>(3A) Where in any year an inspection in that year results in a report prepared under section 32(5) of the Care Standards Act 2000:
- [<sup>F108</sup>(a) which records a judgement that the overall experiences and progress of children and young people living in a children's home are good or outstanding, no further inspection will be required in that year unless the Chief Inspector determines that a further inspection is required;
  - (b) which records a judgement that the overall experiences and progress of the children and young people are less than good, and that inspection was carried out on or after the 1st January, if the Chief Inspector has been unable to arrange for the second inspection to be carried out in that year the Chief Inspector may carry out the next inspection in the first three months of the following year.]
- [ which does not record a judgment on the overall experiences and progress of children and
- [<sup>F109</sup>(c) young people living in a children's home because there are no children and young people living in the home at the time of the inspection, no further inspection will be required in that year unless the Chief Inspector determines that a further inspection is required.]
- [<sup>F110</sup>(3B) [<sup>F111</sup>Paragraph] (3A) does not apply to a secure children's home.]
- (4) Any inspection referred to in paragraph (1) may be unannounced.
- (5) In this regulation—
- (a) “year” means the period commencing on 1st April in any year and ending on 31st March in the following year; <sup>F112</sup> ...
  - (b) “three year period” means the period commencing on 1st April in any year and ending on 31st March in the third year following [<sup>F113</sup>; and
  - (c) “closed children's home” means a children's home in respect of which a condition imposed under section 13(5) of the Care Standards Act 2000 is for the time being in force that the registered person must inform the Chief Inspector of their intention to accommodate children at the home at least three months before any child is accommodated].]

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### Textual Amendments

- F102** Reg. 27 omitted (temp.) (24.4.2020 until 31.3.2021) by virtue of The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/445), regs. 1(2), **12** (with Pts. 12, 13) (as amended (24.9.2020) by The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/909), regs. 1(2), 7)
- F103** Words in reg. 27(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2018) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/246), regs. 1(1), **3(a)**
- F104** Words in reg. 27(1)(b) inserted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **9(a)**
- F105** Reg. 27(1A) substituted (1.4.2022) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/196), regs. 1(1), **9(b)**
- F106** Reg. 27(3ZA)(3ZB) inserted (1.4.2018) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/246), regs. 1(1), **3(b)**
- F107** Reg. 27(3A)(3B) inserted (1.4.2017) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/245), regs. 1(1), **4(b)**
- F108** Reg. 27(3A)(a)(b) substituted (1.10.2021) by The Childcare (Childminder Agencies) (Registration, Inspection and Supply and Disclosure of Information) and Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/1019), regs. 1, **3(3)**
- F109** Reg. 27(3A)(c) inserted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **16(2)**
- F110** Reg. 27(3B) substituted (1.4.2023) by The Childcare and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/276), regs. 1(2)(b), **8**
- F111** Word in reg. 27(3B) substituted (1.4.2024) by The Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/315), regs. 1(2), **16(3)**
- F112** Word in reg. 27(5)(a) omitted (1.4.2018) by virtue of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/246), regs. 1(1), **3(c)(i)**
- F113** Reg. 27(5)(c) and word inserted (1.4.2018) by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/246), regs. 1(1), **3(c)(ii)**

## PART 6

### Revocations

#### Revocations

- 28.** The Regulations in the Schedule are revoked.

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## SCHEDULE

Regulation 28

### Revocations

<b>Regulations revoked</b>	<b>References</b>
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2007	S.I. 2007/694
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2009	S.I. 2009/2724
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2010	S.I. 2010/617
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2011	S.I. 2011/553
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2012	S.I. 2012/511
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2014	S.I. 2014/670

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, which apply to England only, revoke and replace the Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2007.

Parts 2, 3 and 4 of these Regulations amend the fees that are to be paid to the Chief Inspector. Part 2 prescribes the new registration fees which are payable in respect of voluntary adoption agencies, adoption support agencies, children's homes, residential family centres, fostering agencies, holiday schemes for disabled children and providers of social work services. Part 3 prescribes the new variation fees which are payable in respect of all those establishments and agencies with the exception of holiday schemes for disabled children. Part 4 prescribes the new annual fees which are payable by all the above establishments and agencies (including holiday schemes for disabled children) but with the exception of providers of social work services. Part 4 also prescribes the new annual fees which are payable by boarding schools, residential colleges, residential special schools and in respect of local authority adoption and fostering functions.

Part 5 of these Regulations prescribes the frequency of inspection in relation to children's homes, residential family centres, voluntary adoption agencies, adoption support agencies, fostering agencies and holiday schemes for disabled children.

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A Regulatory Triage Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations and may be obtained from [legislation.gov.uk](https://legislation.gov.uk) .

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