
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations apply to England only.

Regulation 2 and the Schedule increase certain fees payable under Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulations 2015 (S.I.2015/551).

In particular, they increase the fees that are payable to the Chief Inspector in respect of—

- registration of voluntary adoption agencies, adoption support agencies, children's homes, residential family centres and fostering agencies;
- variation of registration of those establishments and agencies.

They also increase the annual fees payable by the above establishments and agencies as well as those payable by boarding schools, residential colleges, residential special schools and in respect of local authority adoption and fostering functions.

Regulation 4 reduces the frequency at which children's homes, other than secure children's homes, judged good or outstanding by the Chief Inspector must be inspected, from at least twice a year to at least once per year.

An Impact Assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has minimal impact on business or civil society organisations. The instrument has minimal impact on the public sector.