

Registers Update - The Fees in the Registers of Scotland Amendment Order 2005



The Fees in the Registers of Scotland Amendment Order 2005 will come into force on 28 November 2005. The changes brought about by the order concern only the fees for obtaining information from the registers. The new fees are set out in the table overleaf. This Registers Update sets out all the changes and other relevant information. Further information about the underlying reasons for the new Order can be found on the Agency website at www.ros.gov.uk/solicitor/feeconsultation.html

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Registration and recording fees remain unchanged.

Commencement of the new Fee Order

The new fees come into effect on 28 November 2005. All requests for Land Register reports, extracts or copy deeds received on or after that day will be charged at the new fees. Reports instructed using the Diary Service will be charged at the fee applicable on the date the Report is to be issued.

Background

The Agency recently conducted a review of the fees charged for the provision of information from the Registers, and other associated services, such as the current charges for copies and extracts. The Agency carries out a review of the fees charged every five years, to ensure that, in accordance with section 25 of the Land Registers (Scotland) Act 1868, the fees charged will recover the actual costs of the services provided.

The current regime of fees and charges for these matters is set out in the Schedule to the Fees in the Registers of Scotland Order 1995, as amended in 1999 by the Fees in the Registers of Scotland Amendment Order 1999.

As a result of the review, it was apparent that changes were required to the fees currently provided to ensure that the requirements of section 25 were being met.

Scottish Ministers agreed that a consultation exercise with our customers should be carried out to seek their views on the resulting proposals for change.

Consultation

On 18 July 2005, the Agency sent a consultation document to a group of 19 key consultees setting out the proposals and the underlying reasons for change. The consultation document was also published on the Agency website (and remains available) at www.ros.gov.uk/solicitor/feeconsultation.html. The period allowed for consultation was 8 weeks and consultation was concluded on 12 September.

Copies of the responses received to the consultation can be accessed from the Agency website, or by attending in person at the Scottish Executive Library, K Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh EH11 3XD. Copies of responses can be viewed by visiting the library or can be provided by post. Charges for photocopies are made on a cost-recovery basis. To request copies by post and enquire about charges or to make an appointment to view responses at the library, contact the library on 0131 244 4552.



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All fees listed are exclusive of VAT.

Inspection of the Registers	New Fee
<p>General Register of Sasines</p> <p>For a search in the Presentment Book (per item searched for) £1.65 For a search in the Minute Book (per item searched for) £1.65 For each search sheet viewed £1.65</p> <p><i>(Note: There is no fee for searching the indices of persons or places)</i></p>	
<p>Land Register of Scotland</p> <p>For a search of the Application record (per item searched for) £3.30 For a search of the Title Sheet record (per title sheet searched for) £3.30 Per view of a title sheet for an interest in land £3.30 Per index Map search £1.65 Per Property Price search £3.30</p> <p><i>(Note: If you search for a title number by name, address or title number and then view that title sheet, the fee charged is for viewing the title sheet only. Otherwise the search is charged for.)</i></p>	
<p>Chancery and Judicial Registers</p> <p>For a search in the Register of Deeds or Register of Judgments £1.65 For a search against up to 6 names in Register of Inhibitions £1.65</p> <p><i>Note: The fee for a search against a specified minute number in the Register of Inhibitions remains unchanged at £1.00. A search includes a print disclosing relevant entries if requested within 7 working days of the date of the original search.)</i></p>	
<p>Land Register Reports</p> <p>Forms 10, 12, 14, P16 and P17 £27.00 Forms 11 and 13 £15.00 Form 10/P16 and Form 12/P17 £40.00</p>	
<p>Miscellaneous Services</p> <p>Provision of a plain or duplicate copy deed* £16.50 Provision of a certified copy or official extract of deed* £20.70 Provision of Office Copy* £25.00 Provision of Sasine Deed (Plus National Archives handling charge) £9.00 For the handling of second copies requested at the same time as the first £6.00 Provision of Land Register Archive Information per deed £14.20 Provision of a copy of minutes of Register of Inhibitions (per day) £21.00</p> <p><i>(*Note: These fees are fixed and changed irrespective of the length of the deed requested.)</i></p>	

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