STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 797

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND

The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2017

Made - - - -	*3rd May 2017*
Laid before Parliament	*27th July 2017*
Coming into force - -	*1st January 2018*

In accordance with section 5(3) of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986(**1**) ("the Measure"), this Order has been laid before, and approved by, the General Synod.

The Fees Advisory Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(1) and (2) of the Measure, makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2017.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1st January 2018.

(3) In this Order—

(a) "diocesan board of finance" means in relation to a diocese, the board of that name constituted under the Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure 1925(**2**); and

(b) "the Measure" means the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.

Annual fees

2. Schedule 1 sets out the fees payable in respect of the year 2018—

(**1**) 1986 No 2; relevant amendments were made by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 (1991 No 1), the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1995 (1995 No 2), SI 1998/1715, the Care of Places of Worship Measure 1999 (1999 No 2) and the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure 2011 (2011 No 2).

(**2**) 15 & 16 Geo. 5 No 3; relevant amendments were made by the Synodical Government Measure 1969 (1969 No 2).

(1) to diocesan registrars in respect of the duties of their office specified in Schedule 2; and

(2) to provincial registrars in respect of the duties of their office, except the duties and professional services specified in Part B of Table 2 in Schedule 1.

Payment of fees

3.—(1) The fees set out in the second column of Table 1 of Schedule 1 are to be paid by the diocesan board of finance.

(2) The fees set out in the third column of Table 1 and in Table 2 of Schedule 1 are to be paid by the diocesan bishop or archbishop(**3**).

Revocation of 2016 Order

4. The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2016(**4**) is revoked.

Duties of the diocesan registrar

5. A diocesan registrar shall not be entitled to receive any additional remuneration for the duties specified in Schedule 2 except as provided in article 6.

Supplementary annual fee

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), nothing in this Order shall preclude a diocesan board of finance from agreeing to pay any sum to a diocesan registrar by way of annual fee or retainer which is additional to the fee payable under Table 1 of Schedule 1.

(2) Any such agreement shall—

(a) be in writing;

(b) be expressed to be an agreement made in accordance with this article; and

(c) state the period for which it is to run, or, if no such period is stated, remain binding until determined by not less than three months' notice on either side.

Travel, subsistence and accommodation

7. A fee specified in Schedule 1 shall be increased by a sum for reasonable expenses of travel, subsistence and accommodation.

Value Added Tax

8. Where Value Added Tax is chargeable in respect of the provision of any service for which a fee is prescribed in this Order (including any fee specified in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2) the amount of Value Added Tax chargeable is payable in addition to that fee.

(**3**) Section 8 of the Measure provides that any sum paid by a bishop or archbishop by virtue of any order made under the Measure shall be reimbursed by the Church Commissioners.

(**4**) SI 2016/1272

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3rd May 2017

This Order was approved by the General Synod on 7th July 2017

Jacqui Philips
Clerk to the Synod

SCHEDULE 1 Article 2

Fees payable under this Order

TABLE 1

Fees payable to diocesan registrars in respect of 2018

Diocese	DiocesePayable by diocesan board of finance £	DioceseLiability of the diocesan bishop £	DioceseTotal £
Bath and Wells	52,991	31,118	84,109
Birmingham	32,742	25,681	58,423
Blackburn	34,522	30,658	65,180
Bristol	31,997	25,075	57,071
Canterbury	36,332	28,547	64,879
Carlisle	38,970	26,933	65,903
Chelmsford	59,581	34,821	94,402
Chester	43,000	29,171	72,171
Chichester	47,805	35,097	82,902
Coventry	29,987	29,751	59,738
Derby	36,103	29,567	65,671
Durham	34,200	29,870	64,070
Ely	37,233	29,065	66,298
Exeter	54,940	32,110	87,050
Gloucester	40,082	28,572	68,654
Guildford	29,464	30,882	60,346
Hereford	39,069	29,506	68,575
Leeds	52,804	53,625	106,428
Leicester	37,776	26,269	64,046
Lichfield	53,988	34,234	88,221
Lincoln	61,184	24,822	86,006
Liverpool	33,867	29,970	63,837
London	61,057	39,648	100,704
Manchester	36,709	32,600	69,308
Newcastle	34,797	24,982	59,779
Norwich	63,684	26,282	89,966

Diocese	DiocesePayable by diocesan board of finance £	DioceseLiability of the diocesan bishop £	DioceseTotal £
Oxford	83,321	27,228	110,549
Peterborough	38,023	31,634	69,657
Portsmouth	22,427	32,648	55,075
Rochester	36,239	29,438	65,677
St Albans	44,224	32,373	76,598
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich	45,940	29,736	75,676
Salisbury	53,613	30,392	84,006
Sheffield	31,744	27,391	59,135
Southwark	44,153	38,971	83,124
Southwell and Nottingham	34,642	29,331	63,973
Truro	35,466	26,134	61,600
Winchester	39,849	30,794	70,644
Worcester	31,449	29,183	60,632
York	53,223	32,835	86,057

TABLE 2

Fees payable to provincial registrars in respect of 2018

PART A

Fees payable

		Fee £
1.	Fee in respect of 2018 for joint registrars of the province of Canterbury	169,330
2.	Fee in respect of 2018 for joint registrars of the province of York	71,295

PART B

Duties and professional services not falling within the scope of the annual fee

Duties and professional services in connection with the following matters shall not fall within the scope of the fee payable under Part A to provincial registrars:

Advice or other work in connection with disciplinary proceedings against a clerk in holy orders which have been instituted under section 10 of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003(**5**) or in respect

(**5**) 2003 No 3