STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 1272

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND

The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2016

Made - - - -	*5th December 2016*
Laid before Parliament	*14th March 2017*
Coming into force - -	*1st June 2017*

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 2016.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1st June 2017.

(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 2017—

(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.

(**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).

(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 2015 Order

4. The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2015(**4**) is revoked and is to be treated as having ceased to have effect at the end of 31st December 2016.

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.

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(**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 2015/1613.

This Order was approved by the General Synod on 14th February 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 2017

Diocese	*Payable by diocesan board of finance* £	*Liability of the diocesan bishop* £	*Total* £
Bath and Wells	48,096	28,243	76,339
Birmingham	29,806	23,378	53,184
Blackburn	31,231	27,735	58,966
Bristol	28,990	22,719	51,709
Canterbury	33,096	26,004	59,101
Carlisle	35,368	24,444	59,812
Chelmsford	53,895	31,498	85,393
Chester	38,982	26,446	65,428
Chichester	43,089	31,635	74,724
Coventry	27,267	27,052	54,319
Derby	32,808	26,869	59,677
Durham	31,112	27,173	58,285
Ely	34,030	26,565	60,595
Exeter	49,648	29,017	78,666
Gloucester	36,292	25,870	62,161
Guildford	26,748	28,036	54,784
Hereford	35,617	26,900	62,517
Leeds	52,526	53,343	105,868
Leicester	34,221	23,797	58,018
Lichfield	48,781	30,932	79,712
Lincoln	55,065	22,339	77,405
Liverpool	30,930	27,372	58,302
London	54,166	35,174	89,340
Manchester	33,627	29,863	63,490
Newcastle	31,441	22,572	54,013
Norwich	57,875	23,885	81,760

Diocese	*Payable by diocesan board of finance*	*Liability of the diocesan bishop*	*Total*
	£	*£*	*£*
Oxford	74,404	24,314	98,719
Peterborough	34,671	28,845	63,516
Portsmouth	20,344	29,616	49,960
Rochester	32,785	26,633	59,418
St Albans	39,946	29,241	69,187
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich	42,120	27,263	69,383
Salisbury	48,281	27,370	75,650
Sheffield	28,706	24,770	53,476
Southwark	39,454	34,823	74,277
Southwell and Nottingham	31,467	26,642	58,110
Truro	31,943	23,539	55,482
Winchester	35,822	27,682	63,504
Worcester	28,158	26,129	54,287
York	47,678	29,414	77,092

TABLE 2

Fees payable to provincial registrars in respect of 2017

PART A

Fees payable

		Fee
		£
1.	Fee in respect of 2017 for joint registrars of the province of Canterbury	179,815
2.	Fee in respect of 2017 for joint registrars of the province of York	79,479

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.