STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1613

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND

The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*1st June 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*21st August 2015*
Coming into force - -	*1st January 2016*

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 2015.

(2) It comes into operation on 1st January 2016.

(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 annual fees payable—

(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 2014 Order

4. The Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2014(**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 annual 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 2014/895.

This Order was approved by the General Synod on 10th July 2015

Jacqui Philips
Clerk to the Synod

SCHEDULE 1 Article 2

Fees payable under this Order

TABLE 1

Annual fees payable to diocesan registrars

Diocese	*Payable by diocesan board of finance* £	*Liability of the diocesan bishop* £	*Total* £
Bath and Wells	43,768	25,702	69,470
Birmingham	27,204	21,338	48,543
Blackburn	28,328	25,158	53,486
Bristol	26,336	20,639	46,974
Canterbury	30,228	23,751	53,979
Carlisle	32,184	22,243	54,427
Chelmsford	48,880	28,567	77,447
Chester	35,433	24,038	59,471
Chichester	38,941	28,589	67,530
Coventry	24,858	24,663	49,521
Derby	29,893	24,481	54,374
Durham	28,377	24,784	53,162
Ely	31,185	24,343	55,528
Exeter	44,985	26,292	71,276
Gloucester	32,947	23,485	56,432
Guildford	24,347	25,519	49,866
Hereford	32,556	24,588	57,144
Leeds	58,896	59,811	118,707
Leicester	31,082	21,614	52,696
Lichfield	44,192	28,022	72,214
Lincoln	49,689	20,158	69,848
Liverpool	28,323	25,064	53,387
London	48,181	31,287	79,467
Manchester	30,885	27,428	58,313
Newcastle	28,483	20,449	48,932
Norwich	52,735	21,764	74,498

Diocese	*Payable by diocesan board of finance*	*Liability of the diocesan bishop*	*Total*
	£	*£*	*£*
Oxford	66,617	21,770	88,387
Peterborough	31,698	26,372	58,070
Portsmouth	18,503	26,936	45,439
Rochester	29,739	24,159	53,898
St Albans	36,176	26,482	62,658
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich	38,719	25,061	63,780
Salisbury	43,594	24,712	68,306
Sheffield	26,027	22,458	48,486
Southwark	35,348	31,199	66,547
Southwell and Nottingham	28,659	24,265	52,923
Truro	28,847	21,257	50,104
Winchester	32,286	24,950	57,236
Worcester	25,278	23,456	48,734
York	42,824	26,419	69,244

TABLE 2

Annual fees payable to provincial registrars

PART A

Fees payable

		Fee
		£
1.	Annual fee for joint registrars of the province of Canterbury	168,615
2.	Annual fee for registrar of the province of York	74,385

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 annual fee payable 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 of any disciplinary matters arising under or in relation to that Measure including under sections 30 and 31.

(**5**) 2003 No 3.