

Council resolution of 13 April 2000 (calculation of registration fees)

That, under paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 14 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 as extended by paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 4 to the European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) Regulations 2000, and subject to the coming into force of those Regulations and the concurrence of the Master of the Rolls, the registration fees for registered European lawyers be set as follows.

Full registration fee

- (a) The fee to be paid to the Law Society in respect of initial registration or renewal of registration in the register of European lawyers shall be the same as the full practising certificate fee set from time to time by the Master of the Rolls for solicitors; subject to any reduction under paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f), and any addition under paragraph (g).

Registration between 1st January and 31st October

- (b) If, on an application for initial registration, or for renewal of registration after a break, the registration will take effect on a date between 1st January and 31st October inclusive, the registration fee shall be reduced in accordance with the scale laid down from time to time for a solicitor who has previously held a practising certificate and who returns to practice. This provision shall not apply if the applicant should have registered before that date; and is subject to any further reduction under paragraphs (c), (d), (e) or (f), and any addition under paragraph (g).

Crown prosecutors

- (c) If an applicant for initial registration or renewal of registration will be a Crown Prosecutor on the date the registration will take effect, the registration fee shall be reduced in accordance with the scale laid down from time to time for solicitors who are Crown prosecutors; subject to any further reduction under paragraphs (d), (e) or (f), and any addition under paragraph (g).

Maternity provisions

- (d) If an applicant for initial registration or renewal of registration:
 - (i) is on statutory maternity leave, or a period of leave equivalent to statutory maternity leave, at the date of application; or
 - (ii) started and finished a period of statutory maternity leave, or period of leave equivalent to statutory maternity leave, within the practising year immediately preceding that in which the registration will take effect;the registration fee shall be the reduced fee specified from time to time for solicitors who are or have been on maternity leave; subject to any further

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reduction under paragraphs (b), (c), (e) or (f), and any addition under paragraph (g).

Low income/gross fees

- (e) If, on an application for initial registration or renewal of registration, an applicant's gross fees, or (if in employment) gross income, from the provision of services as a lawyer has not, during the twelve-month period immediately prior to the date of application, exceeded the figure laid down from time to time in the corresponding provision of the Practising Certificate Fee Order and Regulations, the registration fee shall be reduced in accordance with the scale laid down in that provision; subject to any further reduction under paragraph (f), and any addition under paragraph (g).

RFLs becoming RELs

- (f) If an applicant's initial registration will take effect in the course of a practising year during which the applicant was a registered foreign lawyer under section 89 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, no registration fee shall be payable; subject to any addition payable under paragraph (g).

Late accountant's report

- (g) If an applicant for initial registration or renewal of registration has been required (whether as a registered foreign lawyer or as a registered European lawyer) to deliver an accountant's report to the Law Society under paragraph 8 of Schedule 14 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, and has not delivered that report within the period allowed under section 34(2) of the Solicitors Act 1974, an addition to the registration fee shall be payable, equal to the additional fee set from time to time by the Master of the Rolls for solicitors under section 12A(2) of the Solicitors Act 1974.

Definitions

- (h) "Period of leave equivalent to statutory maternity leave" means a period of absence or leave which if an applicant had been an employee would have been taken as statutory maternity leave; and
"practising year" means any period of twelve months from 1st November to 31st October inclusive.

[Notes:

(1) *The Master of the Rolls concurred in the Council resolution on 2 May 2000.*

(2) *The European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) Regulations 2000 came into force on 22 May 2000.]*