

1974 No. 1837

**ECCLESIASTICAL LAW**

**The Legal Officers Fees Order 1974**

*Made (Approved by the General Synod) 5th November 1974*  
*Laid before Parliament 12th November 1974*  
*Coming into Operation 1st January 1975*

We, the Fees Committee constituted in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1962 (a) in the exercise of the powers conferred by that section, do hereby order as follows:—

1. The Table of Fees set forth in the Schedule to the Order is hereby established and contains particulars of the fees which are to be demanded taken and received by the respective legal officers named in the Schedule for the performance by them after the commencement of this Order of the duties of their offices in relation to the respective matters specified in the Schedule.

2. The following fees shall no longer be payable:

- (i) The fees in Table 1 of the Legal Officers Fees Order 1964 (b) other than items 10, 11, 12 and 13 thereof;
- (ii) The fees in Table IV of that Order other than the fees under the Benefices (Transfer of Rights of Patronage) Measure 1930 (c) and the second fee under the Benefices (Exercise of Rights of Presentation) Measure 1931 (d);
- (iii) The fees in Table V of that Order other than item 3 thereof;
- (iv) Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11 in the Legal Officers Fees Order 1967 (e);
- (v) The fees in the Legal Officers Fees Order 1971 (f);

3. This Order may be cited as the Legal Officers Fees Order 1974 and shall come into operation on the 1st January 1975.

Dated the first day of October 1974.

*Conolly H. Gage.*

*J. R. Cumming Bruce.*

*H. Montgomery Campbell.*

Approved by the General Synod the 5th day of November 1974.

*W. D. Pattinson.*

*Secretary-General.*

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(a) 1962 No. 1. (b) S.I. 1964/1033 (1964 II, p. 2269). (c) 1930 No. 8. (d) 1931 No. 3.  
 (e) S.I. 1967/1658 (1967 III, p. 4515). (f) S.I. 1971/1130 (1971 II, p. 3336).

## SCHEDULE

## TABLE OF FEES

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Legal Secretary</i>	<i>Diocesan Registrar</i>
1. Fee for duties required to be performed as presiding officer at elections to the Lower House of the Convocation or to the House of Laity of the General Synod.		£50 and a further fee of £10 for every hour spent on counting votes.
2. Annual Fees for matters specified in Appendix I to this Table payable to Legal Secretary to the Bishop and Diocesan Registrar.	40% of amount in column 4 of Appendix II to this table for diocese concerned.	60% of amount in column 4 of Appendix II to this table for diocese concerned unless a determination is made under provision 2 (iii).

*Provisions relating to Table of Fees.*

1. Item 1 is payable by the diocesan board of finance.
2. The following provisions shall apply to item 2:—
  - (i) The amounts shown in column 2 of Appendix II are, subject as hereinafter provided, payable by the diocesan board of finance and shall be used for the payment of the diocesan registrar. If in any diocese the amount exceeds 60% of the figure shown in column 4 of Appendix II, the excess shall be paid to the legal secretary.
  - (ii) The amounts shown in column 3 of Appendix II are the liability of the bishop. By section 5 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1962 the amounts for which the bishop is liable are payable by the Church Commissioners. If in any diocese the amount exceeds 40% of the figure shown in column 4 of Appendix II, the excess shall be paid to the diocesan board of finance and used in payment of the diocesan registrar.
  - (iii) A diocesan board of finance may before 1st April 1975 pass a resolution that the fee payable to the diocesan registrar shall not be paid and, whilst such a resolution is in force, the diocesan registrar shall be paid, from the date of the coming into operation of this Order, in accordance with the rules for the remuneration of solicitors from time to time applicable. A board of finance may at any time revoke such a resolution when the fee (or an agreed proportion thereof for part of a year) in item 2 shall become payable. A resolution not to pay the fee payable to the diocesan registrar shall not affect any liability of a diocesan board of finance to pay a proportion of the fee payable to a legal secretary under paragraph (i) above.
3. Nothing in this schedule shall preclude a diocesan board of finance from paying an additional fee to the diocesan registrar.

## APPENDIX I

The fees under item 2 shall be payable to the legal secretary and to the diocesan registrar respectively for such work as is done by them in connection with general legal advice and routine legal business for the bishops and clergy of the diocese, all synods and diocesan boards and councils and committees (except such as shall be agreed between the bishop's council and the legal officer concerned) and parochial church councils, and shall include legal work in connection with:—

## (i) Ordination

Certificate of Ordination

Admission to Freehold Office

Certification of Institution or Collation

Presentation to a Benefice

Commission for Institution or Collation

Certified Copy of Letters Testimonial

Letters Dimissory or Letters of Request

Dispensation to hold two benefices—and matters connected therewith

Licences of Non-residence, for legalising house of residence

Resignation Instruments

Admission to Office of rector for term of years

Licence of vicar in a Team Ministry or extending term of years of rector or vicar in a team ministry

Licence of curate in charge of a parish

Appointment of Rural Dean

Commissions to perform episcopal acts

Episcopal and archidiaconal visitations

Appointment of sequestrators and matters relating to sequestrations;

## (ii) Duties under any Act or Measure for which fees cease to be payable in consequence of section 2 of this Order.

## APPENDIX II

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	£	£	£
1. Bath and Wells	2803	1647	4450
2. Birmingham	981	769	1750
3. Blackburn	1403	1247	2650
4. Bradford	755	995	1750
5. Bristol	981	769	1750
6. Canterbury	1731	1369	3100
7. Carlisle	1567	1083	2650
8. Chelmsford	2809	1641	4450
9. Chester	1579	1071	2650
10. Chichester	2249	1651	3900
11. Coventry	1104	1096	2200
12. Derby	1457	1193	2650
13. Durham	1415	1235	2650
14. Ely	1742	1358	3100
15. Exeter	2809	1641	4450
16. Gloucester	1810	1290	3100
17. Guildford	855	895	1750
18. Hereford	2022	1528	3550
19. Leicester	1563	1087	2650
20. Lichfield	2570	1630	4200
21. Lincoln	3379	1371	4750
22. Liverpool	1167	1033	2200
23. London	2698	1752	4450
24. Manchester	1880	1670	3550
25. Newcastle	1019	731	1750
26. Norwich	3363	1387	4750
27. Oxford	3580	1170	4750
28. Peterborough	1938	1612	3550
29. Portsmouth	713	1037	1750
30. Ripon	1183	1017	2200
31. Rochester	1214	986	2200
32. St Albans	1790	1310	3100
33. St Edm. and Ipswich	2550	1650	4200
34. Salisbury	2840	1610	4450
35. Sheffield	940	810	1750
36. Southwark	1646	1454	3100
37. Southwell	1435	1215	2650
38. Truro	1267	933	2200
39. Wakefield	1130	1070	2200
40. Winchester	1748	1352	3100
41. Worcester	1167	1033	2200
42. York	2598	1602	4200

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order)*

This Order establishes fees for diocesan registrars for acting as presiding officers at elections to the Lower Houses of the Convocations and the House of Laity of the General Synod and for legal secretaries to bishops and diocesan registrars for general duties including duties for which fees cease to be payable as a result of this Order.



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