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# Registration fees increase

The cost of obtaining a standard birth, death or marriage certificate after the initial registration will increase from £6.50 to £7.00 from 1 April 2003. This increase is the since 1998.

## Fees for certificates issued locally at Register Offices

The fees for standard certificates of birth, death and marriage issued by superintendent registrars will increase from £6.50 to £7.00 and for short birth certificates from £5.00 to £5.50. The fee for certificates issued at the time of registration by registrars of births and deaths and additional registrars will remain at £3.50.

## Fees for certificates issued by the General Register Office

The fees for short or standard certificates of birth, death and marriage issued centrally by the General Register Office (GRO) following personal or other means of application, will also increase by 50 pence.

## Marriage after civil preliminaries

The fees to the superintendent registrar for giving of notice of marriage and to the registrar for attending a marriage at a register office or registered building will remain the same.

## BACKGROUND NOTES

1. The changes are made by Order made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer under section 5 of the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968 and laid before Parliament on 13 December 2002.
2. A list of the current and new registration service and GRO fees is attached.

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## PROPOSED REVISED STATUTORY FEES PAYABLE FROM 1 APRIL 2003

### Fees payable to the local registration service

	Existing fee	Proposed fee
Certificate of birth, death or marriage issued by a registrar	£3.50	£3.50
Certificate of birth, death or marriage issued from a register deposited with the superintendent registrar	£6.50	£7.00
First short certificate issued at registration	Nil	Nil
Short birth certificate issued by registrar	£3.50	£3.50
Short birth certificate issued from a register deposited with the superintendent registrar	£5.00	£5.50
Certificate of birth, death or marriage issued by a registrar <i>for the purpose of certain Acts</i>	£3.50	£3.50
Certificate of birth, death or marriage issued by a superintendent registrar <i>for the purpose of certain Acts</i>	£6.50	£7.00
General Search of indexes held By superintendent registrar	£18.00	£18.00
Baptismal certificate	£1.00	£1.00
Entry in the marriage notice book	£30.00	£30.00
Registrar attending a marriage at a register office	£34.00	£34.00
Registrar attending a marriage at a registered building	£40.00	£40.00
Superintendent registrar attending outside his office to attest a notice of marriage	£40.00	£40.00
Certification of a building as a place of worship	£28.00	£28.00
Registration of a building for marriages	£120.00	£120.00
To the Clergy etc for each quarterly copy of entry in their marriage register	£2.00	£2.00