

Subsidiary Legislation made under s.8.

Freedom of Information (Fees) Regulations 2021

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Amending enactments	Relevant current provisions	Commencement date
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ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS.

Regulation

1. Title.
2. Commencement.
3. Fees.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act 2018, and all other enabling powers, the Minister has made the following Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Freedom of Information (Fees) Regulations 2021.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the day of publication.

Fees.

3.(1) For the purpose of section 8 of the Act, the following fee and charge is prescribed in relation to an application for access to information-

- (a) an application fee of £11.50; and
- (b) subject to subregulations (3) and (4), a charge equal to the estimated cost of the search for and retrieval of the information concerned calculated at a rate of £11.50 per hour per person.

(2) For the purpose of determining the estimated cost of the search for and retrieval of the information concerned, the public authority may take into account time spent-

- (a) determining whether it holds the information;
- (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information;
- (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information;
- (d) extracting the information from a document or documents containing it;
- (e) communicating the information to the applicant.

(3) No fee is to be charged under subregulation (1)(b) where the estimated cost of the search for and retrieval of the information concerned is £100 or less.

(4) The maximum amount that may be charged under subregulation (1)(b) is £556.