

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION IN SCOTLAND – WHAT YOU WOULD PAY

Statutory fees for civil partnership registrations

With effect from 1 January 2011, the **fees set by the Registrar General** by Act of Parliament are as follows:-

For each person submitting a notice of civil partnership registration to the district registrar	£30
For registration of a civil partnership	£55
For each extract of the entry in the civil partnership register (applied for within one month of registration of the civil partnership)	£10
Two people could thus give notice of civil partnership registration, have a civil partnership registered by the registrar in a registration office, and have one extract of the register entry (their 'civil partnership registration certificate') for the total in statutory fees of	£125

Payment should be made in pounds sterling and you will need to confirm to whom cheques should be made payable.

A district registrar who is a local authority official authorised by the Registrar General to register civil partnerships is required to make arrangements to do so at the statutory fee if suitable notice is given. A civil partnership registration at the statutory fee will always allow for two persons, in addition to the civil partners, to attend as witnesses to the civil partnership registration, as required by the law. The couple normally choose and invite the two witnesses.

Additional fees charged by the local authority for a civil partnership registration

Some **registration offices** may offer accommodation or facilities suitable for more than just the couple and their two witnesses to be present at the civil partnership registration, or may offer to register civil partnerships at particular times requiring special attendance by the registrar (for example, outside Monday to Friday office hours). This may involve the local authority in extra costs, and the authority *may* in some cases wish to charge its own fees, additional to the statutory fees mentioned, to meet such costs. These fees vary from office to office, depending upon the facilities provided, and upon the decision of the authority as to what to charge. Please ask the district registrar what these extra fees might be.

Local authorities may also fix fees for the attendance by an authorised registrar at **places other than registration offices**. These fees vary from place to place, depending upon the decision of the authority as to what to charge. Please ask the district registrar what the extra fee might be.