### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 2011 No. 628

## **GENDER RECOGNITION**

# The Gender Recognition (Application Fees) (Amendment) Order 2011

Made	3rd March 2011
Laid before Parliament	7th March 2011
Coming into force	6th April 2011

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 7(2) and 24(1) of the Gender Recognition Act  $2004(\mathbf{a})$ , makes the following Order:

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Gender Recognition (Application Fees) (Amendment) Order 2011 and comes into force on 6th April 2011.

#### Amendments to the Gender Recognition (Application Fees) Order 2006

2. The Gender Recognition (Application Fees) Order 2006(b) is amended as follows.

3. In article 2 (application fees), in the first column of the table (relevant income of applicant)—

(1) in the first entry, for "£26,204" substitute "£27,005", and

(2) for the second entry substitute "Greater than £18,008 but not greater than £27,005".

**4.** In article 3 (circumstances in which no fee is payable), in paragraph (a)(ii), for "£17,474" substitute "£18,008".

5. in article 5 (definition of qualifying benefit), in paragraph (b), for "£17,474" substitute "£18,008".

#### **Transitional provision**

6. This Order does not apply in relation to applications made before 6th April 2011.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

*McNally* Minister of State Ministry of Justice

3rd March 2011

<sup>(</sup>a) 2004 c.7, section 7 was amended by the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33), section 250.

<sup>(</sup>b) S.I. 2006/758, amended by S.I. 2007/839, 2008/715 and 2008/1879, S.R. (NI) 2008 No 412 and S.I. 2009/489.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

#### (This note is not part of the Order)

Section 7(2) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004 (the "Act") provides that fees are payable for certain applications to a Gender Recognition Panel under the Act. The Gender Recognition (Application Fees) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/758, amended by S.I. 2007/839, 2008/715, 2008/1879, S.R. (NI) 2008 No 412, and S.I. 2009/489) (the "Fees Order"), prescribes the level of those fees and the circumstances in which no fee is payable. Two levels of fee are prescribed, depending on the income of the applicant. This Order, which comes into force on 6th April 2011 in relation to applications made on or after that date, amends the Fees Order to increase those income thresholds. It raises the income above which a fee of £30 becomes payable from £17,474 to £18,008, and raises the income above which a fee of £140 becomes payable from £26,204 to £27,005.

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