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CHAPTER 28. No. 1.

REGISTRAR GENERAL.

Ordinance
Ch. 28.
No. 1-1940.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL.

Commence-
ment.

[10th November, 1921.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Registrar General Ordinance.

Appoint-
ment of
Registrar
General.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State, to appoint a fit and proper person to be Registrar General of the Colony.

Appoint-
ment and
powers of
Deputy
Registrars
General.

3. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint one or more fit and proper persons to be Deputy Registrars General.

(2) Whenever, by any law for the time being in force in the Colony, anything is appointed to be done by the Registrar General, the same may be lawfully and for all purposes effectually done by a Deputy Registrar General.

(3) The Registrar General and every Deputy Registrar General shall be *ex officio* Commissioners of Affidavits under the Commissioners of Affidavits Ordinance.

Indexes.

4. (1) The Registrar General shall keep four separate and distinct indexes, one of deeds, another of wills, another of judgments, decrees, orders, and rules, and another of memoranda of *lis pendens*, and shall in the index of deeds enter every deed so registered under the letter of the alphabet corresponding with the initial letter of the surname of each person named as a party to such deed, with the christian names and surnames at full length of all persons

named as parties to such deed, and shall in the index of wills enter each will under the letter of the alphabet corresponding with the initial letter of the surname of the testator, together with the christian name and surname at full length of such testator, and shall in the index of judgments, decrees, orders, and rules, and in the index of memoranda of *lis pendens*, refer to every such judgment, decree, order, or rule and *lis pendens* under the initial letter corresponding with the surname of every person whose estate is intended to be affected by such judgment, decree, order, or rule, or such *lis pendens*, with the christian name and surname at full length of every such person.

(2) The Registrar General shall keep a separate chronological index of all deeds of gift and settlements registered with him.

5. All persons shall have access to and be permitted to search all indexes of deeds and other books and documents in the office of the Registrar General and also to inspect, examine, and take notes or extracts from any such deeds, books, or documents on payment of the prescribed fee. Searches.

6. All persons may examine and peruse all deeds and certified copies of wills registered in the office of the Registrar General, and the Registrar General shall, on request of any person, cause to be made and delivered to such person a true and correct copy certified under his hand of any such deed or will on payment of the prescribed fee. Examination of documents and certified copies.

7. The Registrar General shall be entitled to charge the fees specified in the Schedule hereto. Fees. Schedule.

8. The Registrar General shall keep at his office a book in which he shall enter or cause to be entered, from day to day, all fees received by him, and the names of the persons from whom, and the service or duty for which, such fees respectively shall have been received, and on the expiration of each month shall sign his name at the end of the entries made during such month in proof of the correctness of such entries. Fee Book.

Office hours.

9. The Office of the Registrar General shall be kept open for the transaction of business by the public from the hour of nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon of every day in the year excepting Saturdays, on which day the office shall be closed at the hour of twelve noon: Provided that the said office shall be kept closed on Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day and on all public holidays.

*Amended by First Schedule to Act 45 of 1979
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SCHEDULE OF FEES.

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1. For registering any deed (other than a lease, an agreement for a lease, or a bill of sale) by which any property real or personal shall be granted, sold, mortgaged or assigned, where the consideration money by such deed expressed to be paid or secured—

does not exceed \$240	...	...	...	...	...	2.40
exceeds \$240 but does not exceed \$4,800	...	...	...	...	...	4.80
exceeds \$4,800	...	...	...	...	...	9.60

2(2)

For the registration of any lease or agreement for a lease, in respect of which no premium is paid and where the rent secured—

does not exceed \$48 per annum	...	...	...	...	...	2.40
exceeds \$48 but does not exceed \$480 per annum	...	...	...	...	...	4.80
exceeds \$480 per annum	...	...	...	...	...	9.60

For the registration of any lease or agreement for a lease, in respect of which a premium is paid, and such premium—

does not exceed \$240	...	...	...	...	...	2.40
exceeds \$240 but does not exceed \$4,800	...	...	...	...	...	4.80
exceeds \$4,800	...	...	...	...	...	9.60

Provided that where the consideration for a lease is both a premium and a rent, a single registration fee only shall be paid calculated either on the premium or on the rent reserved, whichever shall be the greater.

3. For the registration of every deed of gift	...	...	...	...	...	4.80
4. For the registration of all letters of administration <i>de bonis non</i>	...	...	...	...	...	1.20
5. For the registration of a minute of final judgment or a <i>lis pendens</i> under the Remedies of Creditors Ordinance	...	...	...	...	...	1.20
6. For entering a memorandum of satisfaction of a registered judgment or for discharging a <i>lis pendens</i> under the said Ordinance	...	...	...	...	...	.60
7. For the registration of every power of attorney, or deed of revocation of a power of attorney, or statutory declaration of the death or disability of the principal	...	...	...	...	...	4.80
For the registration of any other deed or instrument not herein or otherwise provided for	4.80

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6 For every copy of any deed, will or other document for every 120 words in addition to the certificate24	X
10 For the certificate of correctness of any such copy	1.20	X
11 For any other certificate	5.04	X
12 For every general search of the indexes, or the town or country books, for each day	1.20	X
13 For examining any deed, will or other document ... ..	.24	X
14 And where any extract shall be taken, for every 120 words ... ..	.24	X
15 For the search of a single index ... ..	.12	X
16 For the search of a single town or country book ... ..	.24	X
17 For searching the files of newspapers, for each volume examined ... ..	.24	X
18 Attendance in Court on any subpoena to produce any deed or any other document in custody of the Registrar General	2.52	X