



In the September, 1987 Newsletter the Conveyancing Committee indicated that Dublin County Council and Dublin Corporation are now charging a £15.00 fee for a Certificate confirming change of address or for a Certificate confirming roads, footpaths and services are in charge.

The Committee further indicated that it is the current policy of Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council not to charge members of the public for attending at their offices and inspecting the relevant registers and road maps to satisfy themselves of the position.

The Committee has now ascertained that whilst there is no charge for inspecting records relating to roads, there is normally a charge for inspecting records relating to services.

UPDATE: The attention of practitioners is directed to the provisions of the current edition of Requisitions on Title and also to the Practice Notes on this topic at page 13.18 and page 13.20 hereof.

ROADS IN CHARGE CERTIFICATES

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The Minister for the Environment has made Regulations under the Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) Act, 1982 amending the provisions in the Housing (Rent Tribunal) Regulations, 1983 regarding the awarding of costs and expenses by the Rent Tribunal.

The Rent Tribunal was established in August, 1983 under Section 2 of the Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) (Amendment) Act, 1983 to replace the District Court as the arbitration body for determining terms of tenancy of dwellings which were formerly controlled under the Rent Restrictions Acts.

The new regulations, known as the Housing (Rent Tribunal) Regulations, 1983, (Amendment) Regulations 1988, came into force on 1st July, 1988 and will apply to applications received by the Tribunal on or after that date. The main provision of the regulations allows the Rent Tribunal to make awards in cases where applications are determined without an oral hearing. Formerly, costs could be awarded only in respect of oral hearings. Also, the Rent Tribunal will have more discretion in making awards in any case. The new provisions will ensure a more balanced and equitable treatment of parties in written cases where, very often, costs similar to those in oral cases are incurred.

HOUSING (RENT TRIBUNAL) REGULATIONS

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