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**1980 No. 1195**

**COMMON**

**The Commons Registration (General) (Amendment)  
Regulations 1980**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>6th August 1980</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>15th August 1980</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>5th September 1980</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment (as respects England) and the Secretary of State for Wales (as respects Wales) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 19(1)(a) and (d) of the Commons Registration Act 1965(a), and now vested in them (b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 5th September 1980.

2. In these regulations “the Principal Regulations” means the Commons Registration (General) Regulations 1966(c).

3. In paragraph (1) of regulation 32 of the Principal Regulations, for the words “a register”, there shall be substituted the words “the registers”.

4. In Schedule 1 to the Principal Regulations, for Form 21 and its duplicate, there shall be substituted the form and duplicate set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

5. In Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations—

- (i) in the first column, for the words “either register”, there shall be substituted the words “the registers”, and, for the words “forty shillings”, there shall be substituted the words “five pounds”,
- (ii) in the second column, for the amounts “37p” and “13p”, there shall be substituted the amounts “£3.00” and “25p” respectively.

6. The Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1970(d) are hereby revoked.

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(a) 1965 c. 64.

(b) S.I. 1970/1681 and 1967/156.

(c) S.I. 1966/1471. The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1970/1996.

(d) S.I. 1970/1996.

SCHEDULE

FORM 21

(For the use of the registration authority)  
Official Number

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965  
REGISTERS OF COMMON LAND AND TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS  
REQUISITION FOR AN OFFICIAL SEARCH

(For completion by or on behalf of applicant. Please read Notes overleaf)

Name and address in BLOCK LETTERS  
to which the certificate is to be sent

The ..... County Council/Greater London Council is required to make a search  
in its Registers of Common Land and Town or Village Greens in respect of land at  
..... shown edged/coloured ..... on the enclosed plan and duplicate plan.  
The fee of £     is enclosed.

Signature of applicant (or agent) ..... Reference

Date ..... Telephone Number

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL SEARCH

(For the use of the registration authority. If (a) is deleted, complete (b) to (f) deleting the words in  
brackets as appropriate. If (a) is not deleted, delete (b) to (f).)

A search has been made in the registers with respect to the land shown on the plan enclosed with the  
requisition. The result, up to and including the date of this certificate, is as follows:

REGISTER OF COMMON LAND

- (a) There are no entries.
- (b) (None of the land) (The land) (The part edged/coloured ..... on the plan herewith) is  
(provisionally/finally registered) (registered under section 13 of the 1965 Act) (under Unit  
No(s) .....
- (c) (None of the land) (The land) (The part edged/coloured ..... on the plan herewith) is  
(provisionally/finally registered) (registered under section 13 of the 1965 Act) as subject to  
rights of common.
- (d) (None of the land) (The land) (The part edged/coloured ..... on the plan herewith) is the  
subject of (provisional/final ownership registration) (ownership registration under section 13  
of the 1965 Act).
- (e) (None of the land) (The land) (The part edged/coloured ..... on the plan herewith) is  
stated to be registered under the Land Registration Acts 1925 to 1971.
- (f) (None of the land) (The land) (The part edged/coloured ..... on the plan herewith) is  
exempt from registration under section 4 of the 1965 Act.

REGISTER OF TOWN OR VILLAGE GREENS

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Signed on behalf of the registration authority .....

Official stamp of the registration authority, giving date of issue of certificate

## NOTES

1. A requisition for an official search may be made only on the form overleaf. The form should be completed, together with its duplicate (which may be completed as a carbon copy), and sent by post or delivered personally to the registration authority for the area in which the land is situated. In the absence of special local arrangements the registration authority for land in Greater London is the Greater London Council, and, for land elsewhere, is the council of the county in which the land is situated.
2. A separate requisition must be made in respect of each parcel of land in relation to which a search is requested except where for the purposes of a single registration or a single transaction a certificate is required in respect of two or more parcels of land which have a common boundary or are separated only by a road, railway, river, stream or canal. By "parcel of land" is meant a piece of land which is or is deemed to be in separate occupation or separately rated at the time of the requisition. Unoccupied land is to be deemed to be occupied by the person who receives the rackrent, whether on his own account or as agent or trustee for any other person, or by the person who would receive the rackrent if the land were let at a rackrent.
3. A requisition must be accompanied by a PLAN, IN DUPLICATE, and by sufficient particulars of the situation of the land to enable the registration authority to identify it.
4. A certificate of official search includes registrations made up to and including the date of issue, but takes no account of pending applications and confers no protection on a purchaser or intending purchaser.
5. A certified copy of any entry in a register maintained under the Act may be obtained on payment of the fee.
6. Certain areas (referred to in section 11 of the Commons Registration Act 1965) were exempt from registration under section 4 of the Act. Parts of such areas may however be registered subsequently under section 13 of the Act (which provides for the registration of new common land and town or village greens).

## FEES

(All fees must be prepaid)

Official search and certificate	£3.00
Further charge in respect of each additional parcel of land included in the requisition	25p (subject to a maximum additional fee of £5)
Certified copy of an entry in a register, or a certified copy of or extract from any register map	Such reasonable fee as the registration authority may fix according to the time and labour involved.

## SCHEDULE

FORM 21 DUPLICATE

(For the use of the registration authority)  
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Signed on behalf of the registration authority .....

Official stamp of the registration authority, giving date of issue of certificate

4th August 1980.

*Michael R. D. Heseltine,*  
Secretary of State for the Environment.

6th August 1980.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations provide for the increase of fees prescribed in the Commons Registration (General) Regulations 1966 for searches of the Registers of Common Land and Town and Village Greens and for providing certified copies of entries in the Registers.

They also prescribe a new form on which searches of the Registers are to be made, which provides for a compulsory search of both Registers.

