STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No.

MEDICINES

The Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*xx xxxxxx 2026*
Coming into operation	*xx xxxxxx 2027*

The Minister for Health(**a**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 75(1) and (2), 76(1) and (2), 129(1) and (5) and 134(3) of, and paragraphs 6 and 8 of Schedule 4 to, the Medicines Act 1968(**b**).

In accordance with section 129(6) of that Act, the Minister has consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to that Act, it is the opinion of the Minister that there are special circumstances which render it expedient to make these Regulations.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2027.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010

2. In regulation 5 of the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(**d**) (Fees)—

(a) in paragraph (1), for "£113" there shall be substituted "£300"; and

(b) in paragraph (2), for "£155" there shall be substituted "£300".

(**a**) See section 95(5) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 12 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47). The Department for which the Minister is responsible was renamed by section 1(5) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5)

(**b**) 1968 c.67. Relevant amendments include S.I 1968/1699, 1993 c.50, S.I. 2006/2407, S.I.2010/231, S.I. 2012/1916 and S.I. 2022/849

(**c**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)

(**d**) S.R. 2010 No. 404

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on xxth XXXXXX 2026



Robbie Butler
Minister for Health

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010 No. 404) which prescribe the manner of making, and the particulars to be contained in, applications for registration under section 75 of the Medicines Act 1968 ("the Act") at premises at which a retail pharmacy business is or is to be carried on, the fees to be paid on the application for such registration, the subsequent annual fees (referred to in the Act as "retention fee") and the amount of the penalty for failure to pay the retention fee within the time laid down in the Act.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 5 of the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 to increase the fee payable for the purposes of section 75 of the Act in respect of the registration of any premises from £113 to £300 and to increase the retention fee payable under section 76(1) of the Act from £155 to £300.