



Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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Dear,

www.gov.uk/government/organisations

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0511-15

Thank you for your letter asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 1998. You asked;

'I would like a breakdown of the costs involved in the registration of the death at £105 and for each certificate at £65.

Outcome of Search

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Disclosure

The fees for making a consular death registration overseas are calculated based on the global cost of a service. The same fee is in place in all our locations around the globe and in answer to your specific questions:

- The fees for Consular services currently in place were approved in 2013 to come into effect in April 2013
- These were based on the cost of Consular services in 2011/12
- This cost was £88,395,444.
- These costs include Consulate's running costs, the cost of the support services that they receive from London as well as the costs of staff that provide Consular services.

Cost Calculations

The cost of providing a Consular service for which we charge is calculated in each location, this is divided by the recorded time spent on that service. We collate all these figures for all our locations and a global fee is set. The fees are calculated in this way to ensure that every British national can expect to pay the same fee for the same service, wherever they may be in the world.

- The calculated total cost of providing consular death registrations in 2011/12 was £85,353.58
- The cost of providing certified copies was £1,180,751.66. This represents the cost of providing certified copies of consular birth and death registrations at British consulates.
- The cost of certified copies of consular birth and death registrations is not differentiated.

Other Relevant Statistics

In 2011/12, at British Consular Offices, a total of:

- 150 consular death registrations applications were submitted and
- 3352 certified copies of consular birth and death registrations were issued.

To provide a more recent figure, in 2014/15 the FCO:

- Registered 291 consular death registrations
- Issued 6247 certified copies of consular birth and death registrations.

It is not mandatory to make a consular death registration. [Gov.UK](#) states, “*Similarly there is no requirement for a consular death certificate – the local certificate should be sufficient for winding up the affairs and obtaining probate in the UK.*”

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Yours sincerely,

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