



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117)**

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*Presented by the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and  
Religious Affairs on 08th March, 2013*

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**[Bill No. 229]**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause amends section 13 of the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) by providing for the fees to be prescribed.

*Clause 3:* This clause amends section 22 of the principal enactment by providing for the fees to be prescribed.

*Clause 4:* This clause amends section 48 of the principal enactment by allowing the fees to be prescribed by Regulations.

*Clause 5:* This clause amends the First Schedule to the principal enactment by amending the fees specified therein.

*Registration of Documents (Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 18/2013

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS ORDINANCE  
(CHAPTER 117)

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Documents (Amendment) Act, No.            of 2013 and  
5 shall be deemed to have come into operation from  
January 1, 2013. Short title  
and date of  
operation.
2. Section 13 of the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117) (hereinafter referred to as the  
“principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (6)  
10 of that section by the substitution for the words “ a fee  
of five rupees shall be” of the words ‘a fee of five rupees or  
such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister,  
shall be”. Amendment  
of section 13  
of the  
Registration  
of  
Documents  
Ordinance  
(Chapter  
117).
3. Section 22 of the principal enactment is hereby  
15 amended is subsection (2) of that section by the substitution  
for the words “ a fee of five rupees shall be payable for the  
registration” of the words “ a fee of five rupees or such other  
amount as may be prescribed by the Minister, shall be payable  
for the registration.”. Amendment  
of section 22  
of the  
principal  
enactment.
- 20 4. Section 48 of the principal enactment is hereby  
repealed and the following section substituted therefor:— Replacement  
of section 48  
of the  
principal  
enactment.
- “Fees                      48. The fees specified in the First Schedule  
as may be prescribed by the Minister from time  
to time, shall be payable for the matters to which  
25 they relate.”.

2                      *Registration of Documents (Amendment)*

5.    The first Schedule of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment  
of the first  
schedule of  
the principal  
enactment.

(1) In part I of that Schedule—

5                      (i) by the substitution for item 6 thereof, of the following item—

10                      “(6) For each land described in the Caveat, for each Land Registry in which each caveat in respect of each land is registered and for each period of two years, a fee of                      2500.00”;

(ii) By the substitution for item (9) thereof, of the following item—

15                      “(9) Every instrument of any kind whatsoever not expressly exempted, a fee of                      100.00”;

(iii) By the substitution for item (10) thereof, of the following item—

20                      “(10) An instrument presented to the Registrar-General under section 29 , in addition to any other fee payable, a fee of                      1000.00”;

(2) By the substitution for Part III of that Schedule of the following:—

25                      **PART III**                      *Rs. c.*

1. An application to, inspect the duplicates of deeds, instruments or document, or the attested or certified copies

	thereof transmitted or delivered, inspect any book or index under Chapter II, III, IV,V,VI for each transaction or matter in respect of which the search is made, a fee of	Rs. c.  500.00
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	2. An application for –	
	(a) copies of or extracts from any deed relating to any land a fee of	500.00
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	(b) Copies of or extracts from any folio or folios relating to any land a fee of	100.00
	3. For supplying an endorsement of registration of a <i>lis pendens</i> , priority notice, seizure priority notice other than a caveat under section 43(2), the same fee as was paid on registration.”.	
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	6. Any fees charged or collected by or on behalf of the Registrar- General or any person authorised under this Act, for any purpose authorized by this Act to charge or collect, from January 1, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2013, shall be deemed to have been validly charged or collected by the Registrar- General or by any such person authorised under this Act:	Validation and Indemnity.
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	Provided that the aforesaid provisions of this section shall not affect any decision or order made by any Court or any proceedings pending in any Court in respect of any fee charged or collected during the aforesaid period.	
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	7. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.	Sinhala text to prevail in case of any inconsistency.

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