

***ORDINANCE LAID BEFORE THE STATES***

**THE DOCUMENT DUTY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2017**

In pursuance of the provisions of the proviso to Article 66A(1) of The Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, as amended, "The Document Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017", made by the Policy & Resources Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, is laid before the States.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The Ordinance amends paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Document Duty Ordinance 2003 which was substituted by the Document Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 with effect from 1st January 2017. The purpose of the present amendment is to clarify the wording of the entry relating to conveyances by way of exchange, in particular as it affects exchanges of properties of equal value. The revised wording clarifies that each party to a conveyance by way of exchange is prima facie liable to pay document duty according to the value of the property which that party is acquiring; but such liability will be subject to a discount in each case of 2% of the value of the lower value property.

The Ordinance was made by the Policy & Resources Committee in exercise of its powers under Article 66A(1) of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. Under the proviso to Article 66A(1) of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, the States of Deliberation have the power to annul the Ordinance.

## **STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE STATES**

The States of Deliberation have the power to annul the Statutory Instruments detailed below.

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### **THE DRIVING TESTS (FEES) REGULATIONS, 2017**

In pursuance of Sections 2A(b) and 2B of the Motor Taxation and Licensing (Guernsey) Law, 1987, as amended, The Driving Tests (Fees) Regulations, 2017, made by the Committee *for the Environment and Infrastructure* on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017, are laid before the States.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

These Regulations amend the current fees that are chargeable for tests of competence which take place, on or after the 1st April 2017.

These Regulations come into force on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The full text of the statutory instruments and other legislation included in this document can be found at: <http://www.guernseylegalresources.gg/article/151276/2016>

