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I, NIAMH SMYTH, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 98(1) of the Friendly Societies Act 1896 ((59 & 60 Vict.) c. 25) (as adapted by the Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2025 (S.I. No. 172 of 2025)) and the Enterprise, Tourism and Employment (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) (No. 2) Order 2025 (S.I. No. 241 of 2025), hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Forms) Regulations 2025.
2. In these Regulations, “Regulations of 2018” means the Friendly Societies (Forms) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 362 of 2018).
3. Regulation 42 of the Regulations of 2018 is amended by the deletion of “, and by the further sum requisite for publication of such cancelling in the *Iris Oifigiúil*”.
4. Regulation 50 of the Regulations of 2018 is amended by the deletion of “and by the further sum requisite for the like publication in the *Iris Oifigiúil*”.
5. The form (Form AI) set out in Part 1 of the Schedule is substituted for the form (Form AI) annexed to the Regulations of 2018.
6. The form (Form AO) set out in Part 2 of the Schedule is substituted for the form (Form AO) annexed to the Regulations of 2018.
7. The form (Form AOb) set out in Part 3 of the Schedule is substituted for the form (Form AOb) annexed to the Regulations of 2018.
8. The form (Form AT) set out in Part 4 of the Schedule is substituted for the form (Form AT) annexed to the Regulations of 2018.
9. The form (Form J) set out in Part 5 of the Schedule is substituted for the form (Form J) annexed to the Regulations of 2018.

## SCHEDULE

## Regulation 5

## PART 1

## THE REGISTRY OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS, 1896 TO 2021

## FORM AI

## REQUEST TO CANCEL REGISTRY

Friendly Society number

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Society name

*in full*


Registered office


1. The above mentioned society desires that its registry under the Friendly Societies Acts may be cancelled on the following ground:

*[state reason]*


and at a general meeting duly held on

Day	Month	Year								
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it was resolved as follows:-

"That the trustees be authorised to request the Registrar to cancel the registry of this society".

*[If not at a general meeting state in what manner the request has been determined upon]*


2. This request is made by the trustees accordingly.

3. It is desired that notice of such cancelling be published in:

*[name of newspaper]*

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4. The sum of 

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 being the cost of publishing such notice in the newspaper is attached.

*[Signature of three trustees]*

Signature

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Name *in block letters or typescript*

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Signature

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Name *in block letters or typescript*

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Signature

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Name *in block letters or typescript*

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Dated

Day	Month	Year								
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## Regulation 6

## PART 2

## THE REGISTRY OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS, 1896 TO 2021

## FORM AO

## INSTRUMENT OF DISSOLUTION

To be signed in duplicate and  
accompanied by Form AP

Friendly Society number

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Society name

*in full*


Registered office


Instrument of dissolution of the Society made on 

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 Day 

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 Month 

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 Year

pursuant to section 79 of the Friendly Societies Act 1896 and the Statutory Regulations.

It is declared and agreed as follows:

*The values of  
members is  
ascertained by giving  
one vote to each  
member and an  
additional vote for  
every five years that  
he/she has been a  
member, but to no one  
member more than five  
votes in all.*

1. This instrument is signed by [in the case of a Society not a Friendly Society, three-fourths of the members, but in the case of Friendly Society] five-sixths in value of the members (including honorary members if any) and by every person for the time being receiving or entitled to receive any relief, annuity, or other benefit from the funds of the Society

except


*State in what manner  
such provision has  
been made*

whose claims have been duly satisfied or have been provided for


Presenter details

Person to whom queries can be addressed

Name		
Address		
Telephone number		Fax number
Email		Contact Person
DX number/Exchange		Reference number

**Assets & Liabilities**

*Here set forth the  
assets and liabilities  
in detail*

*State whether any  
part of the funds is  
in the Post Office  
Savings Bank*

2. The assets and liabilities of the Society are as follows :-

ASSETS	€	C

LIABILITIES	€	C

**Membership**

3. The number of members is

and the nature of their interests in the Society respectively is as follows:


**Creditors**

*Or if there be any,  
state the amount due  
to them and the  
provision to be made  
for its payment.*

4. The Society has no creditors


**Appropriation**

5. The funds and property of the Society shall be appropriated and divided in the following manner [or in such manner as the Registrar may award].


*If left to the Award of the Registrar the prescribed fee must be sent herewith (This fee will be €19.00 where the funds to be appropriated or divided do not exceed €250.00 and where in excess of that amount a further €2.50 for every additional €100.00 or part of €100.00).*

**Advertisement**

*State some newspaper  
circulating in the  
County where the  
registered office of  
the Society is situate*

6. It is desired that this instrument be advertised in the

as well as in the Iris Oifigiúil (no fee required) and the cost of such advertisements is herewith transmitted.

Costs	€	C
Local Paper	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

*Here insert any other  
provisions the Society  
desires to make as to  
the dissolution.*


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**Signatures of  
Members**

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[illegible]

**Signatures of persons receiving or entitled to receive any relief, annuity or other benefit from the funds of the Society**

[illegible]

**Schedule:**  
List of members  
who have  
not signed  
the foregoing  
instrument

[illegible]

## PART 3

## THE REGISTRY OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS, 1896 TO 2021

FORM AO<sub>b</sub>

## INSTRUMENT OF DISSOLUTION

To be signed in duplicate and  
accompanied by Form AP

Friendly Society number

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Branch number

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Society name

*in full*


Branch name

*in full*


Instrument of dissolution of the above-named Branch

made on      Day      Month      Year

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pursuant to section 79 of the Friendly Societies Act 1896 and the Statutory Regulations.

It is declared and agreed as follows:

*The values of  
members is  
ascertained by giving  
one vote to each  
member and an  
additional vote for  
every five years that  
he/she has been a  
member, but to no one  
member more than five  
votes in all.*

1. This instrument is signed by five-sixths in value of the members (including honorary members if any) and by every person for the time being receiving or entitled to receive any relief, annuity, or other benefit from the funds of the Branch

except


whose claims have been duly satisfied or have been provided for

*State in what manner  
such provision has  
been made*


Presenter details

Person to whom queries can be addressed

Name  
Address  
  
Telephone number  
Email  
DX number/Exchange

	Fax number
	Contact Person
	Reference number

**Assets & Liabilities**

*Here set forth the  
assets and liabilities  
in detail*

*State whether any  
part of the funds is  
in the Post Office  
Savings Bank*

2. The assets and liabilities of the Branch are as follows:-

ASSETS	€	C

LIABILITIES	€	C

**Membership**

3. The number of members is

and the nature of their interests in the Branch respectively is as follows:


**Creditors**

*Or if there be any,  
state the amount due  
to them and the  
provision to be made  
for its payment.*

4. The Branch has no creditors


**Appropriation**

5. The funds and property of the Branch shall be appropriated and divided in the following manner [or in such manner as the Registrar may award].


*If left to the Award of the Registrar the prescribed fee must be sent herewith (This fee will be €19.00 where the funds to be appropriated or divided do not exceed €250.00 and where in excess of that amount a further €2.50 for every additional €100.00 or part of €100.00).*

**Advertisement**

*State some  
newspaper circulating  
in the County where  
the registered office of  
the Branch is situate*

6. It is desired that this instrument be advertised in the

and the cost of such advertisements is herewith transmitted.

Costs	€	C
Local Paper		

*Here insert any other  
provisions the Branch  
desires to make as to  
the dissolution.*


### Signatures of Members

[illegible]

Signature of the  
Secretary of the  
Society

The consent of the central body of the society has been given to the dissolution.

Signature

Name *in block letters or typescript*

Secretary of the Society

Postal address

**Dated**

Day      Month      Year

**Signatures of persons receiving or entitled to receive any relief, annuity or other benefit from the funds of the Society**

[illegible]

**Schedule:**  
List of members  
who have  
not signed  
the foregoing  
instrument

[illegible]

## Regulation 8

## PART 4

## THE REGISTRY OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS, 1896 TO 2021

## FORM AT

APPLICATION TO  
REGISTRAR FOR AWARD OF  
DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY

Friendly Society number

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Society name

*in full*


Registered office


Application

Application for an award of dissolution of the above-mentioned society is made by the members whose names are subscribed hereto.

1. The society consists of  members, one-fifth of the whole number of whom [or 100 or more of whom if the society has 1,000 members and not exceeding 10,000 or 500 or more of whom if the society has more than 10,000 members ] have signed this application.

☐ 2. The funds of the society are insufficient to meet the existing claims thereon

☐ 2. The rates of contribution fixed in the rules of the society are insufficient to cover the benefits assured.

3. The grounds upon which such inefficiency is alleged are as follows:


Presenter details

Person to whom queries can be addressed

Name

Address

Telephone number

Email

DX number/Exchange

	Fax number
	Contact Person
	Reference number

## Application (cntd)

4. The Registrar is hereby requested to make or cause to be made, pursuant to section 80 of the Friendly Societies Act 1896, an investigation into the affairs of the society with a view to the dissolution thereof.

state name  
of newspaper  
in general  
circulation in the  
neighbourhood  
of the registered  
office of the  
Society

5. It is desired that notice of the award of dissolution be published in:

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6. The sum of  being the cost of publishing such notice in the said newspaper.

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## Certification

[illegible]

**Dated**      Day      Month      Year

## Regulation 9

## PART 5

## THE REGISTRY OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTS, 1896 TO 2021

## FORM J

APPLICATION FOR  
DIRECTION TO  
TRANSFER STOCK

Friendly Society number

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Name of Society


Application for a direction to transfer stock is made by the four persons whose names are subscribed at the foot hereof, being the secretary and three members of the above-mentioned society.

Application for  
Direction

1. The Society at a meeting held on 

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 Day 

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 Month 

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 Year 

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by a resolution of a majority of the members present, and entitled to vote thereat, appointed the following as trustees to the Society.

Name	
Address	
Occupation	
Signature	

Name	
Address	
Occupation	
Signature	

2. A copy of such resolution, duly signed, was sent to the Registrar.

Presenter details

Name			
Address			
DX Number/Exchange		Contact Person	
Telephone number		Fax number	
Email		Reference number	

Application for  
Direction (cntd)

3. On 

Day		
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Month		
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Year				
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the sum of 



  
 was invested in the purchase of 



  
 stock transferable at the Bank of Ireland in the names of

as trustees for the society, and the same is still standing in their names.

4. The said

is absent from Ireland [or became bankrupt on 

Day		
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Month		
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Year				
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 or filed a petition (or executed a deed) for liquidation of his/her affairs by assignment or  
 arrangement or for composition with his/her creditors on 

Day		
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Month		
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Year				
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 or died on 

Day		
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Month		
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Year				
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 or has not been heard of for 



 years and it is not known  
 whether he/she is living or dead.]

*{This clause will not be necessary where the application is in consequence of the mere  
 removal of a trustee}*

5. On 

Day		
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Month		
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Year				
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the said 



  
 was removed from his/her office of trustee by a resolution of a majority of the  
 members present and entitled to vote at a meeting thereof and  

  

  
 was appointed in his/her place. *{state name and address of new trustee}*. A copy of the  
 resolution, duly signed, has been sent to the Registrar.

6. Since such removal, application has been made in writing to the said  

*{state name of removed trustee}*  
 to join in the transfer of the said stock into the names of the said


*{state names of trustees and of new trustee}*

as trustees for the said society, but he/she has refused to comply [or has not complied]  
 with such application. *{this paragraph may be omitted or varied as the facts require}*

**Application for  
Direction (cntd)**

7. This application to the Registrar is made pursuant to the Friendly Societies Acts 1896-2021 that the Registrar may direct the said stock to be transferred in the names of the said as trustees for the society by


*{This blank should be filled by the names of the surviving or continuing trustees (if any) and if they be willing and able to make the transfer; but if there is no such trustee or if any such trustee refuse or be unable to make the transfer, then by the words the Accountant-General or Deputy or Assistant Accountant-General of the said bank; and a full statement of the facts and of the grounds of such refusal or inability should be made}*

8. With this application is sent the prescribed fee.

Signature of Member

Name  
in block letters  
or typescript

Signature of Member

Name  
in block letters  
or typescript

Signature of Member

Name  
in block letters  
or typescript

Signature of Secretary

Name  
in block letters  
or typescript

**Dated**

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Registered office of Society


GIVEN under my hand,  
15 July 2025

NIAMH SMYTH,  
Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and  
Employment

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

The purpose of these Regulations is to prescribe amended forms for the purposes of the Friendly Societies Act 1896.

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