

CHAPTER 189

PUBLIC RECORDS

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(SECTION 13)

[Commencement 23rd December, 1972]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Records Regulations.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Act” means the Public Records Act.

3. The Archivist may, subject to the provisions of the Act and to compliance with any conditions that he may think fit to impose for the use, safety and preservation of the public records in The Bahamas Archives, allow any member of the public to inspect and search any such public records during normal office hours on any day except Saturdays, Sundays or a public holiday.

4. (1) Public records in the custody or under the control of any Government department shall not be destroyed or disposed of otherwise than in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Before any such public records are destroyed or disposed of, it shall be the duty of the person in charge of the department in whose custody or under whose control the public records are to notify the Archivist in writing of the intention to destroy or dispose of such public records and in the notification to specify the nature of the records.

(3) The Archivist may inspect any of the public records referred to in any notification received by him under paragraph (2) of this regulation and, where it appears to him that the public records are duplicated by other public records in The Bahamas Archives or that there is some other reason why they should not be permanently preserved, he may, after consultation with the Chief Justice, authorise the destruction of those records or their disposal in any other way.

Fees.
Schedule.

5. There shall be payable by a member of the public in respect of the matters specified in the first column of the Schedule to these Regulations the fees specified in the second column of the said Schedule:

Provided that no fee shall be payable for any search made by any person who satisfies the Archivist that he is a student attending any school, college, university or other similar institution whether within or outside the Bahama Islands.

SCHEDULE (Regulation 5)

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For any search whatsoever in The Bahamas Archives (except when made by a student)	.50
For a xerox copy, per page	.30
For a certified copy of any public record, including certification if required:	
for every page or part of a page up to and including the tenth page	1.00
for every page or part of a page after the tenth page	.15
For a copy taken from microfilm, per page	1.00