

1984 No. 362

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

Made 17th October 1984

Coming into operation 26th November 1984

To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 9(2), 12(2) and 22(1) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and now vested in him(b), hereby makes the following Regulations—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1984.

(2) In these Regulations “the Order” means the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

Disposable income and disposable capital for the purposes of Article 9 of the Order

2.—(1) For the yearly sum of £4,925 specified in Article 9(1) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £5,155.

(2) For the capital sum of £4,500 specified in Article 9(1)(a) of the Order, there shall be substituted the sum of £4,710.

Contributions to the Legal Aid Fund

3. For the yearly sum of £2,050 specified in Article 12(1)(a) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £2,145.

Dated 17th October 1984

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8) as amended by S.R. 1983 No. 358

(b) S.I. 1982/159

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal aid under Part II of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

The income limits are increased to make legal aid available to those with disposable incomes of not more than £5,155 a year (instead of £4,925) and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of £2,145 a year or less (instead of £2,050).

The upper limit of disposable capital, above which legal aid may be refused if it appears that the applicant could afford to proceed without legal aid, is increased to £4,710 (instead of £4,500). The lower limit of disposable capital (£3,000), below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required, remains unchanged.