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## LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

**The Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1984***Made* . . . . . 13th March 1984*Coming into operation* . . . . . 16th April 1984*To be laid before Parliament*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 5(3)(a) 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 and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 16th April 1984.

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(c) and a regulation referred to by number means a regulation so numbered in the principal regulations.

*Amendment of the principal regulations*

3.—(1) In regulation 3—

(a) after the definition of “assistance by way of representation” there shall be inserted the following definition—

“ “board of visitors” means a board of visitors appointed by the Secretary of State under Section 10 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(d);”;

(b) after the definition of “supplementary benefit” there shall be inserted the following definition—

“ “visiting Committee” means a visiting Committee appointed by the Secretary of State under Section 3 of the Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(e).”.

(2) In regulation 17(3)—

(a) after the words “the reference”, in sub-paragraph (ii), there shall be added the word “, or”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (ii), there shall be added the following sub-paragraph—

“(iii) it is made in respect of proceedings in respect of an offence against discipline before a board of visitors or a visiting committee in respect of a person charged with such an offence who has been granted legal representation in those proceedings”.

Dated 13th March 1984

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(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8)

(b) S.I. 1982/159

(c) S.R. 1981 No. 366, as amended by S.R. 1983 No. 29

(d) 1953 c. 18 (N.I.)

(e) 1968 c. 29 (N.I.)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations extend assistance by way of representation, under Article 5 of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, to persons granted access to legal representation in disciplinary proceedings before—

- (a) prison boards of visitors; and
- (b) visiting committees of young offenders centres.