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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE**Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979***Made* 15th October 1979*Coming into operation* 12th November 1979*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State in pursuance of sections 2 and 3 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 12th November 1979.

(2) In these regulations “the Act” means the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965.

Disposable income for the purposes of section 2 of the Act

2. Subject to the provisions of section 2(1) of the Act, legal aid shall be available to any person whose disposable income does not exceed £4,075 a year instead of the amount prescribed under that subsection by regulation 2(1) of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(b).

Contribution to the Legal Aid Fund

3. A person's contribution to the Legal Aid Fund in respect of any proceedings may include a contribution in respect of income not greater than one-third of the amount (if any) by which his disposable income exceeds £1,700 a year instead of the amount prescribed under section 3(1)(a) of the Act by regulation 3(1) of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979.

Northern Ireland Office
15th October 1979

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(a) 1965 c. 8 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541) and amended by S.I. 1977/1252 (N.I. 19)
(b) S.R. 1979 No. 175

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations increase the financial limits for legal aid to make it available to those with incomes (after certain deductions) of not more than £4,075 a year (instead of £3,600) and available without payment of a contribution to those with incomes (after deductions) of not more than £1,700 a year (instead of £1,500).