

1980 No. 391

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE**Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1980***Made* 28th October 1980*Coming into operation* 24th November 1980*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State in pursuance of sections 4 and 14 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) and with the concurrence of Treasury hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 24th November 1980.

Amendment of the 1965 regulations

2. Any reference in the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) to the Supplementary Benefits Commission for Northern Ireland shall be construed as a reference to an officer appointed by the Department of Health and Social Services to determine the disposable income and disposable capital of a person applying for legal aid and such a person's maximum contribution to the legal aid fund in respect of any proceedings.

Northern Ireland Office
28th October 1980

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State

We concur
31st October 1980

Carol Mather
J. A. Douglas-Hamilton
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury

(a) 1965 c. 8 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541) and amended by S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8) Article 15 and Schedule 3
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 217 as amended by S.R. 1974 No. 126

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 so as to provide for the assessment of resources to be carried out by an officer appointed by the Department of Health and Social Services instead of the Supplementary Benefits Commission for Northern Ireland which is abolished by the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)).