

1982 No. 56

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made 1st March 1982.

Coming into operation 1st April 1982

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of Articles 9(2), 12(2) and 22(1) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a), 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) 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1982.

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

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

2.—(1) For the yearly sum of £4,075 specified in Article 9(1) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £4,440.

(2) For the capital sum of £2,500 specified in Article 9(1)(a) of the Order, there shall be substituted the sum of £2,725.

Contributions to the Legal Aid Fund

3.—(1) For the yearly sum of £1,700 specified in Article 12(1)(a) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £1,850.

(2) For the capital sum of £1,200 specified in Article 12(1)(b) of the Order, there shall be substituted the sum of £1,310.

Northern Ireland Office
1st March 1982

James Prior
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal aid to make it available to those with incomes (after certain deductions) of not more than £4,440 a year (instead of £4,075) and available without payment of a contribution to those with incomes (after certain deductions) of not more than £1,850 a year (instead of £1,700).

The capital limits are increased to make 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, £2,725 (instead of £2,500) and the lower limit of disposable capital, below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required, £1,310 (instead of £1,200).