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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE**Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985***Made* 23rd October 1985*Coming into operation* 25th November 1985*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) 1985 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1985.

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

Disposable income for the purposes of Article 9 of the Order

2. For the yearly sum of £5,155 specified in Article 9(1) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £5,415.

Contributions to the Legal Aid Fund

3. For the yearly sum of £2,145 specified in Article 12(1)(a) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £2,255.

Dated 23rd October 1985

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8) as amended by S.R. 1984 No. 362
 (b) S.I. 1982/159

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase certain of 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 £5,415 a year (instead of £5,155) and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of £2,255 a year or less (instead of £2,145).

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