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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE**Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1987***Made* 9th March 1987*Coming into operation* 6th April 1987*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) 1987 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1987.

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

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

2.—(1) For the yearly sum of £5,415 specified in Article 9(1) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £5,585.

(2) For the capital sum of £4,710 specified in Article 9(1)(a) of the Order, there shall be substituted the sum of £4,850.

Contributions to the Legal Aid Fund

3. For the yearly sum of £2,255 specified in Article 12(1)(a) of the Order, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £2,325.

Dated 9th March 1987

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(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8) as amended by S.R. 1985 No. 297

(b) S.I. 1982/159

(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 £5,585 a year (instead of £5,415) and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of £2,325 a year or less (instead of £2,255).

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 is increased to £4,850.

The lower limit is disposable capital (£3,000) below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required, remains unchanged.