

1991 No. 91

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

**Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991**

Made 14th March 1991

Coming into operation 8th April 1991

To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 7(3), 22(1) and 27 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. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 8th April 1991.

Revocation

2. Regulation 4 of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(c) is hereby revoked.

Contributions from persons receiving advice and assistance

3. For the weekly sum of £64 specified in Article 7(2) of the Order(d), there shall be substituted the weekly sum of £70.

Dated 14th March 1991.

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(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8); Article 27 is an interpretation provision and is recited because of the meaning assigned to the words "prescribed" and "regulations"
 (b) S.I. 1982/159
 (c) S.R. 1990 No. 94
 (d) Which figure was most recently substituted by S.R. 1990 No. 94

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase the lower income limit for legal advice and assistance under Part II of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 to make legal advice and assistance available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of £70 a week or less (instead of £64).

The capital limit in relation to legal advice and assistance remains at £935. The capital limit in relation to assistance by way of representation remains at £3,000.