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PART 2

DETERMINATIONS IN RESPECT OF AN
INDIVIDUAL'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 1

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY LIMITS AND WAIVERS

Waiver of eligibility limits in proceedings relating to domestic violence or forced marriage

10.—(1) This regulation applies to an application by a client for the funding of—

- (a) representation (lower courts) in proceedings for, or in relation to, a non-molestation order under Article 20 of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 ^{M1} made by the individual applying for the order or on whose application the order is made; and
- (b) advice and assistance or representation (higher courts) in proceedings for a forced marriage protection order under the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 ^{M2}.

[^{F1}(1A) This regulation applies to an application by a client for the funding of representation in proceedings for an order that is an Article 8 order within the meaning of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 if—

- (a) the client is the respondent in the proceedings, and
- (b) the Director is satisfied that—
 - (i) the client is or appears to be the victim of abusive behaviour perpetrated or apparently perpetrated by the applicant seeking the order, and
 - (ii) the applicant seeking the order is someone to whom the client is personally connected.]

(2) Where this regulation applies the Director may, if the Director considers it equitable to do so, disapply the eligibility limits in regulation 6.

(3) In such applications—

- (a) where the weekly disposable income of the client exceeds £234, the contribution payable shall be the excess plus £134; and
- (b) where the disposable capital of the client exceeds £3,000, the contribution payable shall be £100.

(4) The contribution payable by a client under paragraph (3) may be in respect of disposable income or disposable capital, or in respect of both.

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[^{F2}(5) The following apply for the purposes of paragraph (1A) as they apply for the purposes of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (to give meanings to certain expressions)—

- (a) section 2 (as read with section 3(2)) of that Act,
- (b) sections 4 and 5 of that Act.]

F1 Reg. 10(1A) inserted (22.2.2022) by Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c. 2), s. 28(1)(a); S.R. 2022/59, art. 2(a)

F2 Reg. 10(5) inserted (22.2.2022) by Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c. 2), s. 28(1)(b); S.R. 2022/59, art. 2(a)

Marginal Citations

M1 S.I. 1998/1071 (N.I. 6)

M2 2007 c. 20

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- reg. 4(1)(n)(o) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 56\(15\)\(a\)](#)