
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, in relation to any case where an application for advice and assistance is made on or after 9th April 2001—

- (a) increase the disposable income limit for eligibility for advice and assistance under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 from £180 a week to £186 a week (regulation 3);
- (b) increase the weekly disposable income above which a person is required to pay a contribution from £76 to £79 (regulation 4); and
- (c) prescribe the scale of contributions to be paid where the weekly disposable income exceeds £79 but does not exceed £186 (regulation 5).

The Regulations also revoke the Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 except in relation to any case where an application for advice and assistance is made before 9th April 2001 (regulation 6).