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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations increase certain financial limits of eligibility for civil legal aid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.

Regulation 3 increases income limits to make a person with a yearly disposable income of not more than £10,306 (increased from £10,074) eligible for civil legal aid. Regulation 5 increases, from £3,085 to £3,156, the yearly disposable income limit below which a person will be eligible for civil legal aid and will not have to pay a contribution.

Regulation 4 increases the upper limit of disposable capital to £11,847 (increased from £11,402), above which civil legal aid may be refused if it appears the person can afford to proceed without it.

In regulation 6, the upper limit of disposable capital, above which a legally assisted person may be required to pay a contribution, is £7,147 (increased from £6,879).

Regulation 7 revokes the Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007.