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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND

The Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations 1977

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The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 9, 11 and 20 of the Legal Aid Act 1974(a), and with the concurrence of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 28th November 1977.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In these Regulations a regulation referred to by number means a regulation so numbered in the Legal Aid (General) Regulations 1971(c), as amended(d).

2. In regulations 6(10) and 9(2), for the amounts £52, £26 and £75 there shall be substituted the amounts £156, £78 and £120 respectively.

3. In regulation 6(14), for the amounts £52 and £75 there shall be substituted the amounts £156 and £120 respectively.

4. In regulation 18(10), the following shall be inserted after subparagraph (d)—

“(e) supplementary benefit paid under the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976(e) and family income supplement paid under the Family Income Supplements Act 1970(f);”.

Dated 6th October 1977.

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Dated 21st October 1977.

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Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) 1974 c. 4. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1971/62 (1971 I, p. 75).
(d) The relevant amendments are S.I. 1976/628, 1977/1293 (1976 I, p. 1775; 1977 II, p. 3674).
(e) 1976 c. 71. (f) 1970 c. 55.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Legal Aid (General) Regulations 1971 by:—

- (i) increasing from £52 to £156 the amount by which an assisted person's income must increase, from £26 to £78 the amount by which his income must decrease, and from £75 to £120 the amount by which his capital must increase, before his legal aid certificate may be amended because of his change of circumstances;
- (ii) similarly increasing the amounts by which an assisted person's income and capital must increase before he must inform the appropriate area committee of his change of circumstances; and
- (iii) adding supplementary benefit and family income supplement to the prescribed exemptions from the charge imposed by section 9(6) of the Legal Aid Act 1974.

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