

**2000 No. 2328**

**LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General)  
(Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2000**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>28th August 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>31st August 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>2nd October 2000</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 21, 34 and 43 of the Legal Aid Act 1988(a), makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 2nd October 2000.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations a reference to any regulation or Schedule by number alone means the regulation or Schedule so numbered in the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) Regulations 1989(b).

**Transitional provisions**

3. These Regulations shall apply to all applications for legal aid made on or after 2nd October 2000 and applications made before that date shall be treated as if these Regulations had not been made.

**Amendments to the Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) Regulations 1989**

4. In regulation 3(1):—

(a) after the definition of “attendance allowance” the following shall be inserted:—

““the Commission” means the Legal Services Commission established under section 1 of the Access to Justice Act 1999(c);”;

(b) after the definition of “Court of Appeal” the following shall be inserted:—

““the Crime Franchise Panel” has the meaning given in the Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 2000(d);”.

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(a) 1988 c. 34; this Act is repealed, in part, by the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22), subject to savings and transitional provisions contained in S.I. 2000/774. Sections 34 and 43 were amended by the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41), Schedule 18, paragraphs 60, 62 and 63. Section 43 is cited because of the meaning given to “regulations”.

(b) S.I. 1989/344, as amended by S.I. 1995/542, 1996/1258 and 1999/2737.

(c) 1999 c. 22.

(d) S.I. 2000/1930.

5.—(1) In regulation 45(1), the following shall be inserted after “Subject to”:  
“paragraph (3) and”.

(2) The following paragraph shall be inserted after regulation 45(2):—

“(3) The right conferred by regulation 45(1), as regards representation funded by the Commission, shall be exercisable only in relation to any solicitor who is for the time being a member of the Crime Franchise Panel in respect of the proceedings in relation to which the representation is being granted.”.

6.—(1) In Schedule 2, in Form 1:—

(a) paragraph 3 a) and b) shall be amended by substituting “20” for “19”;  
(b) in paragraphs 5 a) and 8, the references to Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance shall be deleted;

(c) the following shall be inserted after paragraph 5 d):—

“e)  I am to appear before a youth court (*details of your means are not required*)

f)  I have been charged with an offence at a police station which is not:

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and I am to appear before a magistrates’ court (*details of your means are not required*)”;

(d) the following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 8:—

“9. Declaration by solicitor: (*Please delete as appropriate*)

a) I certify that I am a member of the Crime Franchise Panel in respect of the proceedings in relation to which this application is being made, **or**

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I understand that only members of the Panel may provide representation funded by the Commission in respect of such proceedings.

**Signed**

**Dated**

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(2) In Schedule 2, in the Welsh version of Form 1:—

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Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Dated 28th August 2000

*David Lock*  
Parliamentary Secretary,  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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