
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings the following provisions of the Access to Justice Act 1999 into force on 1st April 2000: sections 1 to 11 (Legal Services Commission and Community Legal Service), 19 (services relating to foreign law), 20 (disclosure of information), 21 (misrepresentation), 22 (relationship between service providers and other parties), 23 (Lord Chancellor's guidance), 25 (orders, regulations and directions), 26 (interpretation), 27 (conditional fee agreements), 29 and 30 (costs). Those sections which relate both to civil and to criminal matters are brought into force regarding civil matters only.

Certain other consequential provisions are also brought into force.

The Order also makes transitional arrangements and savings relating to the replacement of the legal aid scheme under the Legal Aid Act 1988 by the new scheme established under the Access to Justice Act 1999, and, in particular, relating to existing cases.