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## LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND

## The Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>12th October 1976</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>18th October 1976</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>15th November 1976</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 6, 9 and 20 of the Legal Aid Act 1974(a), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 15th November 1976.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Act” means the Legal Aid Act 1974 and other expressions have the same meaning as in that Act.

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

2. For the yearly sum specified in section 6(1) of the Act, as amended by the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975(c), there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £2,085.

3. For the capital sum specified in section 6(1)(a) of the Act there shall be substituted the capital sum of £1,400.

4. For the yearly sum specified in section 9(1)(a) of the Act, as amended by the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £665.

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(a) 1974 c. 4.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1975/1867 (1975 III, p. 7064).

5. For the capital sum specified in section 9(1)(b) of the Act, there shall be substituted the capital sum of £300.

Dated 12th October 1976.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal aid laid down in the Legal Aid Act 1974.

The income limits are increased to make legal aid available to those with disposable incomes of not more than £2,085 a year (instead of £1,790) and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of not more than £665 a year (instead of £570).

The capital limits are increased to make the upper limit of disposable capital, above which legal aid may be refused if it appears that the applicant could afford to proceed without legal aid, £1,400 (instead of £1,200) and the lower limit of disposable capital, below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required, £300 (instead of £250).

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