#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 1985 No. 1491

# LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1985

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

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 18th October 1985.
- 2. The Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (No. 2) 1980(b) shall be amended as follows:-
  - (a) in regulation 5(2), after "The client shall", there shall be inserted ", except where regulation 7A applies,";
  - (b) in regulation 7,
    - (i) after "shall" in paragraph (1), there shall be inserted ", except where paragraph 7A applies,";
    - (ii) after "shall also" in paragraph (3), there shall be inserted ", except where paragraph 7A applies,"; and
  - (c) after regulation 7, there shall be inserted—

"Provision of advice and assistance at police stations

7A. A client who seeks advice and assistance from a solicitor attending at a police station in the metropolitan police district or in the City of London police district shall not be required to pay a contribution under section 4(2) of the Act towards any charges or fees incurred in respect of the advice and assistance.".

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

Dated 24th September 1985.

<sup>(</sup>a) 1974 c. 4. (b) S.I. 1980/1898, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations abolish the means test and contributions conditions which would otherwise apply under the Legal Aid Act 1974 in respect of applications for advice and assistance where the applicant is being questioned at a police station in the metropolitan and City of London police districts.

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