
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order replaces the Community Legal Service (Funding) Order 2000.

This Order imposes conditions on the funding of services as part of the Community Legal Service, by limiting the powers of the Legal Services Commission to pay remuneration under contract for the provision of funded services.

This Order contains a new schedule which sets out revised remuneration rates which will be payable for funded services, thereby removing reliance on regulations made under the Legal Aid Act 1988. The fees and rates in the schedule are subject to the definitions contained in the Unified Contract, issued by the Legal Services Commission.

Impact assessments have been prepared and were included in the full Impact Assessments which accompanied the documents ‘Legal Aid Reform: The Way Ahead’, ‘Legal Aid Reform: Family and Family Mediation Fee Schemes for October 2007’, ‘Legal Aid Reform: Final Immigration and Asylum Fee Schemes’ and ‘Legal Aid Reform: Mental Health Fixed Fees’. Copies of these are available from Civil Legal Aid Strategy Division, Ministry of Justice, 54 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QW.