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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *15th June* 1978

Coming into operation . . . *1st September* 1978

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of sections 7C and 14 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1978.

(2) In these regulations "the Act" means the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965.

Contributions from persons receiving advice or assistance

2.—(1) For the sum of £20 specified in Section 7C(2) of the Act there shall be substituted the sum of £23.

(2) For the Table set out in Section 7C(3) of the Act there shall be substituted the following Table:—

"TABLE

Disposable income range	*Maximum Contribution*
Exceeding £23 but not exceeding £26 a week	£3
Exceeding £26 but not exceeding £28 a week	£6
Exceeding £28 but not exceeding £30 a week	£9
Exceeding £30 but not exceeding £32 a week	£12
Exceeding £32 but not exceeding £34 a week	£15
Exceeding £34 but not exceeding £36 a week	£18
Exceeding £36 but not exceeding £38 a week	£21
Exceeding £38 but not exceeding £40 a week	£24
Exceeding £40 but not exceeding £42 a week	£27
Exceeding £42 but not exceeding £44 a week	£30
Exceeding £44 but not exceeding £46 a week	£33
Exceeding £46 but not exceeding £48 a week	£36".

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One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
15th June 1978

(a) 1965 c. 8 (N.I.), as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541), and amended by S.I. 1977/1252 (N.I. 19)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations increase from £20 to £23 a week the disposable income above which a person receiving legal advice and assistance under the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 as amended by the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/1252 (N.I. 19)) is required to pay a contribution and make consequential amendments to the scale of contributions.