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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made . . . . . *23rd October 1985*

Coming into operation . . . *25th November 1985*

To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(2), 7(3) and 22(1) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and now vested in him(**b**), 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) 1985 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1985.

(2) In these Regulations "the Order" means the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

Persons eligible for advice and assistance

2.—(1) For the weekly sum of £108 specified in Article 3(1)(*a*) of the Order, there shall be substituted the weekly sum of £114.

(2) For the capital sum of £765 specified in Article 3(1) of the Order, there shall be substituted the sum of £800.

Contributions from persons receiving advice and assistance

3. For the weekly sum of £51 specified in Article 7(2) of the Order, there shall be substituted the weekly sum of £54.

Dated 23rd October 1985 *Hailsham of St Marylebone, C.*

(**a**) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8) as amended by S.R. 1984 No. 360
(**b**) S.I. 1982/159

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal advice and assistance under Part II of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

The income limits are increased to make legal advice and assistance available to those with disposable incomes of not more than £114 a week (instead of £108) and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of £54 a week or less (instead of £51).

The capital limit is increased to make legal advice and assistance available to those with disposable capital of not more than £800 (instead of £765).