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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made . . . . . *11th March 1993*

Coming into operation . . *12th April 1993*

To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(2), 7(3), 22 and 27 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) 1993 and shall come into operation on 12th April 1993.

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

Revocation

2. Regulation 3(1) and 4 of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Pensions eligible for advice and assistance

3. For the weekly sum of £145 specified in Article 3(1) of the Order(**d**) there shall be substituted the weekly sum of £147.

Contributions from persons receiving advice and assistance

4. For the weekly sum of £75 specified in Article 7(2) of the Order(**e**) there shall be substituted the weekly sum of £61.

Dated 11th March 1993 *Mackay of Clashfern*, C.

(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8): Article 27 is an interpretation provision and is recited because of the meaning assigned to the words "prescribed" and "regulations"
(b) S.I. 1982/159
(c) S.R. 1992 No. 106
(d) Which figure was most recently substituted by S.R. 1992 No. 106
(e) Which figure was most recently substitited by S.R. 1992 No. 106

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 so as to:

(*a*) increase the upper income limit to make legal advice and assistance available to those with disposable income of not more than £147 a week (instead of £145) (Regulation 3);

(*b*) decrease the lower income limit below which legal advice and assistance is available without payment of a contribution to £61 a week (instead of £75) (Regulation 4);

No changes are made to the capital limits.