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LEGAL AID

Assessment of Resources

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE LEGAL AID AND ADVICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 and shall come into operation on 16th November 1970, and shall apply to the computation of disposable income and disposable capital where an application for a certificate has been made after that date.

Interpretation

2. These Regulations shall be construed as one with the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) (hereinafter called "the principal Regulations")

Amendment of Rules for computing disposable income

3.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations after Rule 4 there shall be inserted the following Rule:—

"4A. Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 5, there shall be disregarded £104 of the income of the person concerned."

(2) In the said Schedule 1 for Rule 12 there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"12. Where the person concerned must or reasonably may provide for any other matter and the amount concerned is greater than the amount to be disregarded under Rule 4A there shall be an allowance of such further amount as is just and equitable."

Amendment of Rules for computing disposable capital

4. In Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations in paragraph 9(2) there shall be substituted for the expression "£3,000" the expression "£5,000".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 16th day of September 1970.

(L.S.) *J. G. Hill,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 8. (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 218.

The Ministry of Finance hereby concurs with the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 17th day of September 1970.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for £104 of the income of a person concerned to be disregarded, for such allowance as is just and equitable where the person concerned must or reasonably may provide for matters not the subject of specific allowances to an amount greater than £104, and also increases the amount to be deducted from the value of a dwelling to £5,000.