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LEGAL AID

Financial Conditions

Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972

Made . . . . . 4th *December* 1972

Coming into operation . . . 18th *December* 1972

To be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom under paragraph 4(5)(*b*) *of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act* 1972.

The Ministry of Home Affairs on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2, 3, 5 and 14 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and all other powers thereunto enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 18th December 1972.

Limit of disposable capital under section 2 of the Act

2. For the purposes of section 2(1) of the Act a person may be refused legal aid if he has a disposable capital of more than £1,200.

Amount of disposable capital above which contribution may be payable under section 3

3. For the purposes of section 3(1)(*b*) of the Act a person's contribution to the Legal Aid Fund may include a contribution in respect of capital not greater than the amount (if any) by which his disposable capital exceeds £250.

Limits of disposable capital or income under section 5 of the Act

4. For the purposes of section 5(5) of the Act (financial conditions for legal aid in matters not involving litigation) a person may be refused legal aid if he has a disposable capital of more than £250 or disposable income of more than £400.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 4th day of December 1972.

(L.S.)

W. A. Willis,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 8 (N.I.).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations raise to £250 the amount of disposable capital which cannot be called upon for a contribution towards legal aid and raises the limit of the disposable capital above which a person may be refused legal aid to £1,200.

The limits of disposable capital and disposable income above which a person may be refused legal aid in matters not involving litigation have been raised to £250 and £400 respectively.