STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, SCOTLAND

The Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979

Made - - -	*25th October 1979*
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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 2, 3 and 15 of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967(**a**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979 and shall come into operation on the day after they have been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

(2) In these regulations, "the Act" means the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967 and "the 1979 Regulations" mean the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979(**b**).

2. For the purposes of section 2(1) of the Act, there shall be prescribed the yearly figure of disposable income of £4,075 in place of the yearly figure of £3,600 prescribed by the 1979 Regulations.

3. For the purposes of section 3(1)(*a*) of the Act there shall be prescribed that a person's contribution may include:—

(a) if his disposable income exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £1,700 a contribution in respect of income not greater than £1; and

(b) if his disposable income exceeds £1,700 a contribution in respect of income not greater than one quarter of the amount by which his disposable income exceeds £1,700.

George Younger
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

New St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
25th October 1979.

(**a**) 1967 c. 43; section 3(1) was amended by section 9 of the Legal Aid Act 1979 (c. 26).
(**b**) S.I. 1979/409.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal aid laid down in the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967 as amended by the Legal Aid Act 1979. In future legal aid will be available to persons with disposable income of not more than £4,075 a year (instead of £3,600). Legal aid will be available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable income of £1,500 a year or less, will be available with payment of a contribution of not more than £1 to those with disposable income between £1,500 and £1,700 and will be available to those with disposable income of more than £1,700 with payment of a contribution not greater than one quarter of the excess of their disposable income over £1,700 a year.

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