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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 2571 (C.96)**

**LEGAL SERVICES, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Access to Justice Act 1999  
(Commencement No. 11) Order 2003**

*Made - - - - 4th October 2003*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 108(1) of the Access to Justice Act 1999<sup>(1)</sup> and now vested in him<sup>(2)</sup>, makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Access to Justice Act 1999 (Commencement No. 11) Order 2003.
2. Section 50 (funding of Ombudsman by professional bodies), section 51 and Schedule 8 (Commissioner) and section 52 (Commissioner's functions) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 shall come into force on 1st November 2003.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

4th October 2003

*Lord Filkin*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department for Constitutional Affairs

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(1) 1999 c. 22.  
(2) S.I. 2003/1887.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force on 1st November 2003 provisions in the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22) relating to the funding of the Legal Services Ombudsman by professional bodies and the Legal Services Complaints Commissioner. Section 50 of the 1999 Act amends paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) to enable the Secretary of State to require any professional body to make payments to the Ombudsman towards meeting the expenditure incurred by him in the discharge of his functions. The other provisions enable the Secretary of State to appoint a Legal Services Complaints Commissioner (section 51) and direct him to exercise some or all of his powers under section 52(1) of the 1999 Act.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 36, 40, 42, 46 and 49	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 43 and Schedule 6 (partially)	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 48 and Schedule 7	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 66 and Schedule 9	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 67(2) (in certain areas only)	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 83(1) (partially)	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 83(3) and Schedule 12 (partially)	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Sections 88 and 89	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 105	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	27.9.1999	1999/2657
Section 53	1.11.1999	1999/2657
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	1.11.1999	1999/2657
Section 79	12.11.1999	1999/2657
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	12.11.1999	1999/2657
Section 35	1.1.2000	1999/3344
Section 41 and Schedule 5	1.1.2000	1999/3344

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 43 and Schedule 6 (partially)	1.1.2000	1999/3344
Section 71	1.1.2000	1999/3344
Section 85	1.1.2000	1999/3344
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	1.1.2000	1999/3344
Section 83(1) (partially)	1.3.2000	1999/3344
Section 83(3) and Schedule 12 (partially)	1.3.2000	1999/3344
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	1.3.2000	1999/3344
Section 1 and Schedule 1	1.4.2000	2000/774
Sections 2 to 5	1.4.2000	2000/774
Section 6 and Schedule 2	1.4.2000	2000/774
Sections 7 to 11 and 19 to 23	1.4.2000	2000/774
Section 24 and Schedule 4 (partially)	1.4.2000	2000/774
Sections 25 and 26	1.4.2000	2000/774
Sections 27, 29 and 30	1.4.2000	2000/774
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	1.4.2000	2000/774
Sections 37, 38 and 39	31.7.2000	2000/1920
Section 44	31.7.2000	2000/1920
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	31.7.2000	2000/1920
Section 78 and Schedule 11	31.8.2000	2000/1920
Section 83(2) (partially)	31.8.2000	2000/1920
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	31.8.2000	2000/1920
Section 67(2) (partially)	8.1.2001	2000/3280
Sections 92 to 95	8.1.2001	2000/3280
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	8.1.2001	2000/3280
Sections 96 and 97	19.2.2001	2001/168
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	19.2.2001	2001/168
Section 83 and Schedule 12 (partially)	1.4.2001	2001/916

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 90 and Schedule 13	1.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Section 91	1.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Sections 98, 99 and 100	1.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Sections 101, 102 and 103 (in relation to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only)	1.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	1.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Sections 12 to 18 and Schedule 3	2.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Section 24 and Schedule 4 (partially)	2.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Section 106 and Schedule 15 (partially)	2.4.2001	<a href="#">2001/916</a>
Section 47	25.5.2001	<a href="#">2001/1655</a>
Sections 101, 102 and 103 (in relation to Scotland only)	31.3.2003	<a href="#">2003/207</a>
Section 31	2.6.2003	<a href="#">2003/1241</a>