
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 228

**Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance
(Northern Ireland) Order 1981**

[^{F1}PART II **N.I.**

LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE, AND LEGAL AID OTHER
THAN FREE LEGAL AID AVAILABLE UNDER PART III

Legal aid

[^{F1}^{F2}Exceptional legal aid **N.I.**

10A.—(1) The Lord Chancellor may by direction require that legal aid is to be available in connection with excluded proceedings in circumstances specified in the direction.

(2) If the Commission requests him to do so, the Lord Chancellor may authorise legal aid to be available in connection with any proceedings (whether excluded proceedings or not)—

- (a) in circumstances specified in the authorisation; or
- (b) in an individual case so specified.

(3) For the purposes of this Article “excluded proceedings” means proceedings before a court or tribunal which are not—

- (a) proceedings of a description mentioned in Part I of Schedule 1;
- (b) proceedings for the purposes of which free legal aid may be given under Part III; or
- (c) proceedings in relation to which assistance by way of representation may be approved under Article 5.

(4) Legal aid under a direction or authorisation under this Article shall consist of such representation, on terms provided for by the direction or authorisation, by a solicitor or by counsel (or by both) as is specified in the direction or authorisation.

(5) In paragraph (4) “representation” includes all such assistance as is usually given by a solicitor or counsel in—

- (a) the steps preliminary or incidental to proceedings; or
- (b) arriving at or giving effect to a compromise to avoid or bring an end to proceedings.

(6) A direction or authorisation under this Article may make provision about financial matters relating to legal aid under the direction (including, in particular, provision about eligibility, contributions, charges, remuneration and costs).

(7) Articles 10(3) to (5A), 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17 and Schedule 2 do not apply to legal aid under a direction or authorisation under this Article, unless they are applied (with or without modification) by the provisions of the direction or authorisation.

(8) A direction or authorisation under this Article may be varied or revoked.

(9) The Lord Chancellor must publish, or require the Commission to publish,

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- (a) directions under paragraph (1) and directions varying or revoking such directions; and
- (b) authorisations under paragraph (2)(a) and authorisations varying or revoking such authorisations.

(10) The Lord Chancellor or the Commission may publish an authorisation under paragraph (2) (b), or an authorisation varying or revoking such an authorisation, if the Lord Chancellor or the Commission considers it appropriate to do so.

(11) In this Article “the Commission” means the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission.]]

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| <p>F1 Pt. 2 (to the extent that it remains in operation) repealed (1.4.2015) by Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/435), arts. 1(2), 49(5), Sch. 5 (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 48, Sch. 3); S.R. 2015/194, art. 2, Sch. (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 3)</p> <p>F2 2005 NI 19</p> |
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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Order power to amend conferred by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 5\(a\)](#)
- Act rev.in pt. by [1996 c. 25 s.79Sch.4 paras.19\(2\)36](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 28(7)(c) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 29(2A) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- art. 29(2A) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\), Sch. 2 para. 3](#) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(c\)](#)