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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

**Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1976***Made 17th November 1976**Coming into operation 15th December 1976**To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State(a) in pursuance of sections 2 and 3 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1976.

(2) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965;

“the Regulations of 1976” means the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

Disposable income for purposes of section 2 of the Act

2. Subject to the provisions of section 2(1) of the Act, legal aid shall be available for any person whose disposable income does not exceed £2085 a year, instead of the amount prescribed under that subsection by regulation 2 of the Regulations of 1976.

Contribution to Legal Aid Fund

3. A person's contribution to the Legal Aid Fund in respect of any proceedings may, subject to section 3(3) of the Act, include a contribution in respect of income not greater than one-third of the amount (if any) by which his disposable income exceeds £665 a year instead of the amount prescribed under section 3(1)(a) of the Act by regulation 3 of the Regulations of 1976.

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One of Her Majesty's Principal
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Northern Ireland Office
17th November 1976

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: see S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)

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

(c) S.R. 1976 No. 74

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations increase the financial limits for legal aid. In future legal aid will be available to those with incomes (after certain deductions) of not more than £2,085 a year (instead of £1,790) and without payment of a contribution in respect of income from those with incomes (after deductions) of £665 a year (instead of £570).