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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 14 and 22(1) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and now vested in him(b), and with the concurrence of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Regulations—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1983.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations a regulation referred to by number means a regulation so numbered in the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(c).

Amendment of the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965

- 3. Regulation 6 shall be amended as follows—
- (a) in paragraph (4), for the expression "disposable income and disposable capital", wherever it occurs, there shall be substituted the expression "disposable income or disposable capital";
- (b) in paragraph (4), for the figure "£156" there shall be substituted the figure "£500" and for the figure "£78" there shall be substituted the figure "£250"; and
- (c) in paragraph (5), at sub-paragraph (b), for the figure "£156" there shall be substituted the figure "£500".
- 4. In regulation 9, at sub-paragraph (d)(i) of paragraph (1), for the figure "£156" there shall be substituted the figure "£500" and for the figure "£78" there shall be substituted the figure "£250".

Dated 28th June 1983.

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

We concur,

Alastair Goodlad D. J. F. Hunt

Dated 12th July 1983.

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

⁽a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8)

⁽b) S.I. 1982/159

⁽c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 217 as amended by S.R. 1974 No. 126 and S.R. 1978 No. 188

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 so as:—

- (1) to increase from £156 and £78 to £500 and £250 respectively the amounts by which an assisted person's disposable income must have increased or decreased in order—
 - (a) to be taken into account for a re-determination under regulation 6(4) in respect of appellate proceedings or a new trial, and
 - (b) for the Legal Aid Committee ("the Committee") to amend a certificate under regulation 9(1)(d);
- (2) to increase from £156 to £500 the amount by which an assisted person must believe his disposable income to have increased for him to inform the Committee of that alteration in his circumstances under regulation 6(5)(b); and
- (3) to make other minor amendments.