

**2003 No. 526**

**LEGAL AID AND ADVICE**

**The Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs)  
(Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003**

*Made - - - - - 4th December 2003*

*Coming into operation 31st December 2003*

*To be laid before Parliament*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 36(3) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a), and now vested in him(b), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice and the Attorney General and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003, and shall come into operation on 31st December 2003.

**Alteration of date**

**2.** In rules 6(3) and 9(5)(a) of the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1992(c) for the date “31st December 2003” there shall be substituted the date “1st July 2004”.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

*Lord Filkin*

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Constitutional Affairs

Dated 4th December 2003

We approve

*Jim Murphy*

*Derek Twigg*

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

Dated 10th December 2003

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(a) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8)

(b) S.I. 1982/159

(c) S.R. 1992 No. 314; to which the most recent relevant amendment was made by S.R. 2002 No. 376

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules.)*

These Rules amend the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1992 so as to alter the date after which certain work may be remunerated at discretionary instead of prescribed rates from 31st December 2003 to 1st July 2004.

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