

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Statement of Means) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 to insert a new marital status option of “Other” and to make reference to the legal status of civil partners, as created by the provisions of the Civil Partnership Act 2004, in the statement of means form which an applicant for free legal aid under Part III of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 may be required to furnish under Article 32 of that Order.