
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations deal with aspects of civil legal services established by Part 2 of the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (“the Order”) relating to costs, and in particular:

- (a) the giving of security for costs (regulation 6);
- (b) the assessment of a funded client’s resources for the purposes of Article 18(1) of the Order (regulation 7);
- (c) the procedure for making a costs order against a funded client and for making a costs order against the Department (regulations 8 to 12); and
- (d) the determination of costs under an order for costs in favour of a funded client (regulations 13 and 14).

The Regulations also revoke the provisions regarding costs made under, or treated as made under, the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (regulation 1(2), together with the Schedule); and make provision for the termination of the retainer of a supplier of funded services, upon the withdrawal of funding (regulation 4).

The Regulations come into operation on 1st April 2015.