## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 1996, the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 1996, the Legal Aid in Contempt of Court Proceedings (Scotland) Regulations 1992, the Legal Aid (Scotland) Children Regulations 1997, the Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 and the Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Regulations 2002 to allow the Scottish Legal Aid Board ("the Board") to determine the form in which applications should be made to it, which may include an online form. Where the Regulations outlined above require a statement, information, document, notice, notification or other correspondence to be sent, given, supplied, brought to the attention of or otherwise provided to the Board, the Regulations allow the Board to determine in what form this should be done, which may include an online form.