
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke the Justices' Clerks (Qualifications of Assistants) Rules 1979 and subsequent amending instruments, and replace them with new Regulations. The Regulations set out the qualifications for assistants to justices' clerks.

The Regulations also prescribe circumstances in which a person may be employed as a clerk in court for a specified temporary period.

The Regulations also prescribe circumstances in which a person who does not have a qualification to act as a court clerk, may be designated as an assistant clerk for the purposes of performing certain out of court functions specified by the Regulations. The effect of designating a person as an assistant clerk is that the Justices' Clerks Rules 2005 will govern the performance of the relevant functions; in particular this means that the authorisation of a justices' clerk will be needed in accordance with rule 3 of those Rules.