
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Criminal Legal Aid (Contribution Orders) Regulations 2013, (S.I. 2013/483) (the “2013 Regulations”). The 2013 Regulations make provision in relation to the liability of individuals who are in receipt of representation in the Crown Court under section 16 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10) (“the Act”) to make a payment in connection with the provision of such representation. The liability to make such a payment is based on an assessment of the financial resources of the individual.

The amendments to the 2013 Regulations are made in consequence of the Criminal Legal Aid (Financial Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/2791), which introduce new financial eligibility criteria for individuals who apply for legal aid in respect of certain criminal proceedings in the Crown Court. An individual will only be liable to make a payment under the 2013 Regulations where the Director has determined that the individual is eligible for legal aid in respect of those proceedings.

A full impact assessment of the effect of the policy implemented by this instrument on the costs of business and the voluntary sector was produced with the Government’s response to consultation, *Transforming Legal Aid: Next Steps* and is available at <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/>.