Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 41(6) and (7)(h) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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2013 No.

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Legal Aid (Information about Financial Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Lord Chancellor makes the following Regulations(**1**) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22(3)(f) and (8)(**2**) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012(**3**).

In accordance with section 41(6) and (7)(h) of that Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Information about Financial Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

Amendments to the Legal Aid (Information about Financial Resources) Regulations 2013

2. The Legal Aid (Information about Financial Resources) Regulations 2013(**4**) are amended as follows.

3. After regulation 4 insert—

(**1**) Section 42(1) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10) provides that in Part 1 of that Act "regulations" means regulations made by the Lord Chancellor.

(**2**) Section 22(8) includes a definition of "benefit status". This means, in relation to an individual, whether or not the individual is in receipt of a prescribed benefit. Section 42(1) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 provides that in Part 1 of that Act "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations.

(**3**) 2012 c. 10.

(**4**) S.I. 2013/628.