STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 233

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

The Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Statement of Means)Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*12th May 1999*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*14th June 1999*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 36(3) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) and now vested in him(**2**), and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Crown Court Rules Committee, the County Court Rules Committee and the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Rules:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Statement of Means) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 14th June 1999.

Revocation

2. The Legal Aid in Criminal Cases (Statement of Means) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1988(**3**) are hereby revoked.

Statement of means form

3. The form set out in the Schedule shall be the prescribed form for the purposes of Article 32(1) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (statement of means for the purposes of legal aid in criminal proceedings).

Dated 12th May 1999 *Irvine of Lairg, C.*

(**1**) S.I.1981/228
(**2**) S.I. 1982/159
(**3**) S.R 1988 No. 215

We approve

Jim Dowd
David Jamieson
Two of the Lord's Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

Dated 13th May 1999

SCHEDULE Rule 3

CRIMINAL LEGAL AID

Statement of Means Form

FORM 1STATEMENT OF MEANS OF AN APPLICANT UNDER PART III OF THE LEGAL AID, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1981

(i) If you wish to obtain legal aid in a criminal case you must first complete this form which will be used to determine whether you are entitled to legal aid.

(ii) WARNING— If, in completing this statement, you knowingly make any false statement or false representation you will be liable to prosecution and if found guilty could be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to 3 months or both.

(iii) Any change of financial circumstances must be notified to the court immediately.

(iv) Please use BLOCK letters in black ink when completing this form.

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

(Please complete questions 1-6 unless you are filling in this form on behalf of a dependent who is not yet 17 years of age in which case you must complete questions 1-5 and 7).

1. Surname Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐
2. Forename(s)
3. Date of Birth
4. Permanent Address
5. If staying at temporary accommodation then state this address
6. Marital status (*tick one box only*)

☐ Single ☐ Single and living together ☐ Widowed

☐ Married ☐ Married but separated ☐ Divorced

7. Relationship to the person under 17 years (e.g. father)

B. CASE DETAILS

8. Describe briefly what you are charged with doing.
(e.g. "stealing £50 from an employer", "kicking a door causing £50 damage")

C. FINANCIAL DETAILS — BENEFITS

(this section to be completed only by those applicants currently in receipt of benefits or parent/guardians in the case of those applicants under 17 years of age who are in receipt of benefit)

9. I am in receipt of:
(*please tick box*)

Income Support	☐
Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance	☐
Family Credit	☐
Disability Working Allowance	☐

If you are not receiving any of the above you MUST specify below those benefits you are receiving:

10. I have been in receipt of benefit for more than two weeks:

Yes ☐

No ☐

11. National Insurance Number of person receiving benefit:

12. Address of the Social Security Office dealing with the benefit:

If you do not produce documentary evidence that you are receiving benefit, the court may make its own enquiries or it may not grant criminal legal aid. If you cannot provide evidence you should detail your reasons below. If you are unable to produce this evidence than you must complete those sections marked with an asterisk (*) in question 16.