STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 222

LEGAL AID, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

The Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*3rd June 1996*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*29th June 1996*

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 of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice and the Attorney General and with the approval of the Treasury and having had regard to the principle of allowing fair remuneration according to the work reasonably undertaken and properly done, hereby makes the following Rules:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 29th June 1996.

(2) In these Rules, "the principal Rules" means the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1992(**3**).

Transitional provisions

2. Rules 4 and 5 shall apply for the purposes of work done on or after 30th June 1996 to which the principal Rules apply.

Alteration of date

3. In rules 6(3) and 9(5)(*a*) of the principal Rules for the date "30th June 1996" there shall be substituted "30th June 1997".

(**1**) S.I.1981/228 (N.I. 8)
(**2**) S.I. 1982/159
(**3**) S.R. 1992 No. 314; as amended by S.R. 1995 No. 243

Amendment to the principal Rules

4. Schedule 1 to the principal Rules shall be amended as follows—

(a) for paragraph 1 of Part I, there shall be substituted the paragraph set out in Schedule 1;

(b) for the table set out in paragraph 4(3) of Part II, there shall be substituted the table set out in Schedule 2.

5. Schedule 2 to the principal Rules shall be amended as follows—

(a) for the table set out in paragraph 8 of Part I of Schedule 2, there shall be substituted the table set out in Schedule 3;

(b) for Table 1 set out in Part II of Schedule 2, there shall be substituted the table set out in Schedule 4.

Dated 3rd June 1996 *Mackay of Clashfern,* C.

We approve

Bowen Wells
Derek Conway
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

Dated 4th June 1996

SCHEDULE 1

Rule 4(*a*)

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3, the appropriate authority shall allow fees for work allowed by it under rule 6 at the following basic rates:

(a) Magistrates' court proceedings

Class of work	Rate
Preparation	£44·75 per hour
Advocacy	£56·50 per hour
Attendance at court where counsel assigned	£30·50 per hour
Travelling and waiting	£24·75 per hour
Routine letters written and routine telephone calls	£3·45 per item

(b) Crown Court proceedings, High Court bail applications and appeals to the county court

Class of work	Grade of fee-earner	Rate
Preparation	Senior solicitor	£53·00 per hour
	Solicitor or fee-earner of equivalent experience	£45·00 per hour
	An apprentice or a pupil to a solicitor or fee-earner of equivalent experience	£29·75 per hour
Advocacy	Senior Solicitor	£64·50 per hour
	Solicitor	£56·00 per hour
Attendance at court where counsel assigned	Senior solicitor	£42·25 per hour
	Solicitor or fee-earner of equivalent experience	£34·00 per hour
	An apprentice or a pupil to a solicitor or fee- earner of equivalent experience	£20·50 per hour
Travelling and waiting	Senior solicitor	£24·75 per hour
	Solicitor or fee-earner of equivalent experience	£24·75 per hour
	An apprentice or a pupil to a solicitor or fee- earner of equivalent experience	£12·50 per hour
Routine letters written and routine telephone calls		£3·45 per item