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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *19th October* 1977

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To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(a) in pursuance of sections 2 and 3 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 28th November 1977.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965.

Disposable income for the purposes of, and limit of disposable capital under, section 2 of the Act

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of section 2(1) of the Act, legal aid shall be available to any person whose disposable income does not exceed £2,400 a year, instead of the amount prescribed under that subsection by regulation 2 of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

(2) For the purposes of section 2(1) of the Act, a person may be refused legal aid if he has a disposable capital of more than £1,600 instead of the amount prescribed by regulation 2 of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(d).

Contribution to the Legal Aid Fund

3.—(1) A person's contribution to the Legal Aid Fund in respect of any proceedings may include a contribution in respect of income not greater than one-third of the amount (if any) by which his disposable income exceeds £760 a year instead of the amount prescribed under section 3(1)(*a*) of the Act by regulation 3 of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: *see* S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)
(b) 1965 c. 8 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 345 (II, p. 1697)
(d) S.R. 1976 No. 346 (II, p. 1699)