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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . *17th November* 1976

Coming into operation . . . *15th December* 1976

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 No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1976.

(2) In these regulations—

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

"the Regulations of 1976" means the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

Disposable income for purposes of section 2 of the Act

2. Subject to the provisions of section 2(1) of the Act, legal aid shall be available for any person whose disposable income does not exceed £2085 a year, instead of the amount prescribed under that subsection by regulation 2 of the Regulations of 1976.

Contribution to Legal Aid Fund

3. A person's contribution to the Legal Aid Fund in respect of any proceedings may, subject to section 3(3) of the Act, include a contribution in respect of income not greater than one-third of the amount (if any) by which his disposable income exceeds £665 a year instead of the amount prescribed under section 3(1)(*a*) of the Act by regulation 3 of the Regulations of 1976.

Roy Mason
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
17th November 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. 74