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LEGAL AID

Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974

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REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH JUNE 1974, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE TREASURY, UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE LEGAL AID AND ADVICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

In pursuance of section 4 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) I, with the concurrence of the Treasury(**b**), hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974, shall come into operation on 12th August 1974, and shall apply to the computation of disposable income where an application for a certificate is made on or after that date.

Interpretation

2. The Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(**c**) are referred to as "the principal Regulations".

Amendment to the principal Regulations

3. For sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of rule 10(1) in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(*a*) in the case of a spouse at a rate equivalent to the amount by which the amount at rate (*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**d**) (as substituted by section 6 of, and Schedule 4 to, the National Insurance and Supplementary Benefit Act 1973(**e**), read with section 8 of and Schedule 5 to that Act) for a husband and wife exceeds the amount of rate (*a*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) of that paragraph for a person living alone;

(*b*) in the case of a dependent child or a dependent relative, at the amount in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph 9 of the said Schedule 2 appropriate to a dependant of the age of that child or other dependant, rate (*a*) being taken in the case of any person aged not less than 18 years.".

(**a**) 1965. c. 8 (N.I.).
(**b**) Formerly the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1973, No. 2163.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 218.
(**d**) 1966. c. 28 (N.I.).
(**e**) 1973. c. 42.