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LEGAL ADVICE

Legal Advice (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974

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REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH JUNE, 1974, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LEGAL AID AND ADVICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

In pursuance of section 7 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**), I hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Advice (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1974.

(2) In these Regulations "the Act" means the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 and "the Regulations of 1970" means the Legal Advice Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**b**).

Financial conditions for legal advice

2. For the purposes of section 7(1) of the Act and subject to the provisions thereof legal advice shall be available for any person who, after allowing for such deductions as may be prescribed, received or became entitled to not more than £15 by way of income during or in respect of the seven days up to and including the date of his application; and accordingly in Regulation 3(1) of the Regulations of 1970 for "£9 10s. 0d." there shall be substituted "£15.00".

Fee for legal advice

3. For the purposes of section 7(8) of the Act the fee payable by a person seeking legal advice to a solicitor for an interview shall be 20p; and accordingly in regulation 2(5) of the Regulations of 1970 for "2s. 6d." there shall be substituted "20p".

Amendment of Regulations as to assessment of resources of applicant

4. For paragraph (4) of Regulation 3 of the Regulations of 1970 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(4) The deductions to be made from the income of an applicant shall be—

(*a*) £4.50 in respect of any spouse of his if wholly or substantially maintained by him, or where the capital and income of the spouse are treated as his resources;

(a) 1965. c. 8 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.). 1970, No. 184.