STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, SCOTLAND

The Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1987

Made - - - -	*6th April 1987*
Coming into force	*7th April 1987*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 36(2)(b) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations, a draft of which has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament:

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 1987 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(2) In these Regulations, "the Act" means the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.

2. For the yearly sum of £5,415 specified in section 15(1) of the Act, there is hereby substituted the yearly sum of £5,585.

3. For the sum of £4,710 specified in section 15(2)(a) of the Act, there is hereby substituted the sum of £4,850.

4. For the yearly sum of £2,255 specified in section 17(2)(a) of the Act, there is hereby substituted the yearly sum of £2,325.

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New St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh
6th April 1987

(a) 1986 c.47.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations increase certain of the financial limits of eligibility for civil legal aid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.

The income limits are increased to make legal aid available to persons with disposable incomes of not more than £5,585 a year (instead of £5,415) and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of less than £2,325 a year instead of £2,255.

The lower limit of disposable capital below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required remains at £3,000, while the upper limit of disposable capital, above which legal aid may be refused if it appears that applicants could afford to proceed without it, is increased from £4,710 to £4,850.

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