STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 955

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Criminal Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*1st September 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*2nd September 2026*
Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2) to (5)	

The Lord Chancellor makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(h) and 41(1)(a) and (b) and (2)(a) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Criminal Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) This regulation and regulation 2(4) come into force on 1st October 2026.

(3) Regulation 2(2) comes into force on—

(a) 1st October 2026, or

(b) if later, the day on which the first of section 51, 54, 57 or 58 of the Crime and Policing Act 2026(**b**) comes into force.

(4) Regulation 2(3) comes into force on—

(a) 1st October 2026, or

(b) if later, the day on which the first of section 215, 224, 225 or 226 of the Crime and Policing Act 2026 comes into force.

(5) Regulation 2(5) comes into force on—

(a) 1st October 2026, or

(b) if later, the day on which section 128(5) of the Crime and Policing Act 2026(**c**) comes into force.

(6) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

(**a**) 2012 c. 10. See section 42(1) for the meaning of "prescribed".
(**b**) 2026 c. 20.
(**c**) Section 128(5) inserts section 2A of the Stalking Protection Act 2019 (c. 9).

Amendments to the Criminal Legal Aid (General) Regulations 2013

2.—(1) Regulation 9 (criminal proceedings) of the Criminal Legal Aid (General) Regulations 2013(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (c) insert—

"(ca) proceedings under sections 51, 54, 57 and 58 of the Crime and Policing Act 2026 in relation to child criminal exploitation prevention orders;";

(3) After paragraph (ja) insert—

"(jb) proceedings under sections 215, 224, 225 and 226 of the Crime and Policing Act 2026 in relation to youth diversion orders;";

(4) In paragraph (s) after "sections 19," insert "19A(**b**),";

(5) In paragraph (ud) after "sections 1," insert "2A,".

Signed on behalf of the Lord Chancellor

Sarah Sackman
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

1st September 2026

(**a**) S.I. 2013/9; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/8 and 2015/1416, there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(**b**) 2007 c. 27. Section 19A of the Serious Crime Act 2007 Act is inserted by section 59 of the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Act 2025 (c. 31).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Criminal Legal Aid (General) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/9) in order to specify proceedings relating to various orders introduced by the Crime and Policing Act 2026 (c. 20) and the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Act 2025 (c. 31) as criminal proceedings for the purposes of section 14(h) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 9 of those Regulations relating to the scope of criminal legal aid. The amendments bring child criminal exploitation prevention orders and youth diversion orders under the Crime and Policing Act 2026 into scope. They also insert a reference to section 19A of the Serious Crime Act 2007 (c. 27) to bring into scope serious crime prevention orders made by the Crown Court in proceedings in relation to a person who is acquitted of an offence, or where the court allows a person's appeal against a conviction for an offence. They also bring into scope orders under section 2A of the Stalking Protection Act 2019 (c. 9) relating to a person acquitted of a stalking offence or where the court allows a person's appeal against a conviction for such an offence.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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