STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 744

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*1st July 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*3rd July 2026*
Coming into force - -	*28th July 2026*

The Lord Chancellor makes these Regulations(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(3) and 41(1)(b), (2)(a) and (3)(c) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012(**b**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 28th July 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendments to the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

2.—(1) Schedule 1 (Advocates' Graduated Fee Scheme) to the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013(**c**) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 18(2)(a) (fees for wasted preparation) for "five" substitute "two".

(3) In paragraph 18A (additional preparation fee)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit ", other than a guilty plea", and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2) for "£62" substitute "£81".

Application and transitional provision

3. These Regulations apply to services provided following a determination under section 16 (representation for criminal proceedings) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 made on or after 28th July 2026.

(**a**) Section 42(1) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10) provides that in Part 1 of that Act, "regulations" means regulations made by the Lord Chancellor.
(**b**) 2012 c. 10.
(**c**) S.I. 2013/435, amended by S.I. 2015/882, S.I. 2023/97 and S.I. 2023/542; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Sarah Sackman
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

1st July 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend Schedule 1 to the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/435). Schedule 1 sets out the graduated, fixed and miscellaneous fees payable to advocates for proceedings in the Crown Court.

Regulation 2 reduces the length of time that a trial must last before an advocate is eligible to apply for a wasted preparation fee, from five to two days. It also allows the additional preparation fee to be claimed where there is a guilty plea and it increases that fee from £62 to £81.

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments made by regulation 2 apply to cases in which a determination in relation to representation for criminal proceedings is made on or after 28th July 2026.

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

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