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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1982

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The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 6, 9(2) and 20 of the Legal Aid Act 1974**(a)**, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1982.

(2) In these Regulations, "the Act" means the Legal Aid Act 1974.

2. For the yearly sum of £4,075 specified in section 6(1) of the Act **(b)**, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £4,440.

3. For the capital sum of £2,500 specified in section 6(1)(*a*) of the Act **(c)**, there shall be substituted the sum of £2,725.

4. For the yearly sum of £1,700 specified in section 9(1)(*a*) of the Act **(b)**, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £1,850.

5. for the capital sum of £1,200 specified in section 9(1)(*b*) of the Act **(c)**, there shall be substituted the sum of £1,310.

Dated 19th January 1982. *Hailsham of St. Marylebone*, C.

(a) 1974 c.4, as amended by the Legal Aid Act 1979 (c.26).
(b) 1974 c.4, as amended by S.I. 1979/1394.
(c) 1974 c.4, as amended by S.I. 1979/351.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal aid under Part 1 of the Legal Aid Act 1974.

The income limits are increased to make legal aid available to those with disposable incomes of not more than £4,440 a year and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of less than £1,850 a year.

The capital limits are increased to make the upper limit of disposable capital, above which legal aid may be refused if it appears that the applicant could afford to proceed without legal aid, £2,725 and the lower limit of disposable capital, below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required, £1,310.

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