STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1985

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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 1985 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1985.

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

2. For the yearly sum of £5,155 specified in section 6(1) of the Act, there shall be substituted the sum of £5,415.

3. For the yearly sum of £2,145 specified in section 9(1)(*a*) of the Act**(b)**, there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £2,255.

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

Dated 23rd October 1985.

(a) 1974 c. 4; section 6 was amended by the Legal Aid Act 1979 (c. 26), Schedule 1, paragraph 12 and by S.I. 1984/1838 and section 9(2) by the Legal Aid Act 1979, Schedule 1, paragraph 13.
(b) Section 9(1)(*a*) was amended by S.I. 1984/1838.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal aid under Part I 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 £5,415 a year and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of £2,255 a year or less.

No change is made to the upper limit of disposable capital of £4,710, above which legal aid may be refused if it appears that the applicant could afford to proceed without legal aid, or to the lower limit of disposable capital of £3,000, below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required.

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