STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1988 No. 667

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1988

Made - - - -	*18th March 1988*
Laid before Parliament	*9th March 1988*
Coming into force	*11th April 1988*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 6, 9(2), 20 and 25 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 1988 and shall come into force on 11th April 1988.

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

(3) The Regulations specified in the first column of the Schedule shall be revoked to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

2. For the yearly sum of £5585 specified in section 6(1) of the Act, there shall be substituted the sum of £5765.

3. For the capital sum of £4850 specified in section 6(1)(a) of the Act, there shall be substituted the sum of £5000.

4. For the yearly sum of £2325 specified in section 9(1)(a) of the Act(**b**), there shall be substituted the yearly sum of £2400.

Dated 8th March 1988 — *Mackay of Clashfern*, C.

(**a**) 1974 c. 4; section 6 was amended by the Legal Aid Act 1979 (c. 26), Schedule 1, paragraph 12 and by S.I. 1987/628; section 9(2) was amended by the Legal Aid Act 1979 (c. 26), Schedule 1, paragraph 13; section 20 was amended by the Legal Aid Act 1979 (c. 26), section 4(2), by the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c. 27), section 40(1) and by the Legal Aid Act 1982 (c. 44), sections 1, 16; section 25 is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning assigned to the word "regulations".
(**b**) Section 9(1)(a) was amended by S.I. 1987/628.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 1(3)

Regulations revoked	*References*	*Extent of revocation*
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1987	S.I. 1987/628	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1985	S.I. 1985/1615	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1984	S.I. 1984/1838	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No.2) Regulations 1983	S.I. 1983/1783	Regulations 2 to 4
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1983	S.I. 1983/617	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1982	S.I. 1982/238	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979	S.I. 1979/1394	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979	S.I. 1979/351	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978	S.I. 1978/1571	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977	S.I. 1977/1935	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976	S.I. 1976/1895	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975	S.I. 1975/1867	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975	S.I. 1975/855	The whole Regulations
Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1974	S.I. 1974/1303	The whole Regulations

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 £5765 a year and available without payment of a contribution to those with disposable incomes of £2400 a year or less.

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, is increased to £5000. No change is made to the lower limit of disposable capital of £3000, below which no contribution in respect of capital may be required.

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