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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . 19*th June* 1978

Coming into operation . . . 1*st September* 1978

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State in pursuance of sections 3 and 14 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1978.

(2) In these regulations "the Regulations of 1965" means the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(**b**) and any reference to a regulation by number is to the regulation so numbered in those regulations.

Amendment to the Regulations of 1965

2.—(1) In regulations 6(4) and 9(1) for the amounts £52, £26 and £75 there shall be substituted the amounts £156, £78 and £120 respectively.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*b*) in regulation 6(5), for the amounts £52 and £75 there shall be substituted the amounts £156 and £120 respectively.

(3) In regulation 17(9) the following shall be inserted after sub-paragraph (*e*):—

"(*f*) supplementary benefit paid under the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**c**) and family income supplement paid under the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**d**);".

Roy Mason
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
19th June 1978

(**a**) 1965 c. 8 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 217 (p. 902), as amended by S.R. (N.I.) 1974 No. 126 (I, p. 432)
(**c**) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27)
(**d**) 1971 c. 8 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations further amend the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 by:—

(i) increasing from £52 to £156 the amount by which an assisted person's income must increase, from £26 to £78 the amount by which his income must decrease and from £75 to £120 the amount by which his capital must increase, before his Legal Aid Certificate may be amended because of his change of circumstances;

(ii) similarly increasing the amounts by which an assisted person's income and capital must increase before he must inform the Legal Aid Committee of his change of circumstances; and

(iii) adding supplementary benefit and family income supplement to the prescribed exemptions from the charge imposed by section 3(6) of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965.