STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, SCOTLAND

The Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975

Made - - - -	28*th October* 1975
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Coming into Operation	1*st January* 1976

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 2, 3, and 15 of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1976.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Act" means the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967(a) as amended(b) and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Subject to the proviso to section 2(1) of the Act legal aid shall be available for any person whose disposable income does not exceed £1,790 a year, instead of the amount prescribed by that sub-section.

3. A person's contribution to the legal aid fund in respect of any proceedings may include a contribution in respect of income not greater than one-third of the amount (if any) by which his disposable income exceeds £570 instead of the amount prescribed by section 3(1) of the Act.

New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
28th October 1975.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase the financial limits of eligibility for legal aid. In future legal aid will be available to those with incomes (after certain deductions) of not more than £1,790 a year (instead of £1,580) and without payment of a contribution from those with incomes (after deductions) of £570 a year (instead of £500).

(a) 1967 c. 43. (b) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1975/901 (1975 II, p. 3140).
(c) 1889 c. 63.

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