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LEGAL AID AND ADVICE ACT (CHAPTER 160)

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23(1) of the Legal Aid and Advice Act, the Minister for Law makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Regulations 2019 and come into operation on 31 May 2019.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Legal Aid and Advice Regulations (Rg 1) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “Grant of Aid” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““working day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.”.

Deletion of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is deleted.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraphs (1) and (2); and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (5), the following paragraph:

“(6) For the purposes of section 6(5) of the Act, the prescribed time is 6 months.”

Amendment of regulation 5

5. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “regulation 14(3)” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “regulation 14(4)”; and
 - (b) by deleting the words “in Form 3 set out in the Schedule” in paragraph (5).

Amendment of regulation 7

6. Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (4).

Amendment of regulation 8

7. Regulation 8(6) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “in Form 5 set out in the Schedule”.

Amendment of regulation 10

8. Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (3) and (4) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(3) Subject to this regulation, the Director must pay to the solicitor mentioned in paragraph (2) either of the following as the solicitor’s costs:

- (a) the costs payable to the solicitor by his own client under an order for taxation of such costs by the court under the Rules of Court (Cap. 322, R 5) or the Family Justice Rules 2014 (G.N. No. S 813/2014);
- (b) where no order mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) has been made, such costs as decided by the Director.

(4) The sum available to the Director to pay the solicitor’s costs (called in this regulation the available sum) must be calculated in accordance with the formula $A - B - C$ where —