



Legal Services Amendment Regulations 2001

Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 8th day of October 2001

Present:

The Right Hon Helen Clark presiding in Council

Pursuant to section 113 of the Legal Services Act 2000, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

1 Title

- (1) These regulations are the Legal Services Amendment Regulations 2001.
- (2) In these regulations, the Legal Services Regulations 2000¹ are called “the principal regulations”.

¹ SR 2001/281

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 November 2001.

3 New regulation 7 substituted

The principal regulations are amended by revoking regulation 7, and substituting the following regulation:

“7 Amount of contribution for purpose of section 17 of Act

- “(1) The contribution payable by an applicant for legal aid in respect of a civil matter is \$50, plus the amount determined under subclause (2).
- “(2) The contribution payable by every applicant for legal aid (whether for a civil matter or a criminal matter) is the total of the following amounts:
- “(a) \$1 for each complete \$2 of the first \$1,000 of the applicant’s disposable income; and
 - “(b) \$2 for each complete \$3 of the applicant’s disposable income that is more than \$1,000 but less than \$2,000; and
 - “(c) all of the applicant’s disposable income that is more than \$2,000; and
 - “(d) \$2 for each complete \$3 of the applicant’s disposable capital that is less than \$2,000; and
 - “(e) all of the applicant’s disposable capital that is more than \$2,000.”

Marie Shroff,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 November 2001, amend the Legal Services Regulations 2000. They change the way in which contributions for legal aid are calculated.

At present, all applicants are liable to pay a \$50 contribution. Applicants for legal aid in respect of a civil matter may be required to pay an additional amount that is calculated in accordance with regulation 7(2). Under this amendment, all applicants are required to pay a contribution calculated in accordance with regulation 7(2) (which is

unchanged), and applicants for civil legal aid are required to pay an additional \$50.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Justice.
