

**2013 No. 773 (C. 36)**

**LEGAL SERVICES, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act  
2012 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2013**

*Made* - - - -

*27th March 2013*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 151(1) and (5) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012(a).

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2013.

**Provisions coming into force on 1st April 2013**

2. Sections 49 to 54 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 come into force on 1st April 2013.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

27th March 2013

*McNally*  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Justice

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is the seventh commencement order made under the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10) (“the Act”).

This Order commences sections 49 to 54 of the Act on 1st April 2013. Sections 49 to 51 of the Act make provision for a general power, not limited to maintenance pending suit, for a court in divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation proceedings to order payment by one party to the other for the purpose of securing legal services; and sections 52 to 54 of the Act make corresponding provision in relation to proceedings for a dissolution, nullity or separation order in respect of a civil partnership.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Part 1 (in so far as not already in force), except section 19(4)	1st April 2013	2013/470
Section 38(2)	4th March 2013	2013/470
Section 44 (for the purpose of making orders, regulations or rules of court)	19th January 2013	2013/77
Section 44 (in so far as not already in force)	1st April 2013	2013/77
Section 45(1) and (8)	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Section 45 (in so far as not already in force for the purpose of making orders, regulations or rules of court)	19th January 2013	2013/77
Section 45 (in so far as not already in force)	1st April 2013	2013/77
Section 46 (for the purpose of making orders, regulations or rules of court)	19th January 2013	2013/77
Section 46 (in so far as not already in force)	1st April 2013	2013/77
Section 47	1st April 2013	2013/77
Section 48	19th January 2013	2013/77
Section 55	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Section 56	1st April 2013	2013/470
Section 57	1st April 2013	2013/470
Section 58	4th March 2013	2013/470
Section 59	1st April 2013	2013/470
Section 60	4th March 2013	2013/470
Section 61	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Section 62	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Section 88	8th April 2013	2013/470
Chapter 2 of Part 3	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Chapter 3 of Part 3	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Chapter 4 of Part 3	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Chapter 5 of Part 3	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Chapter 6 of Part 3	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Section 132	8th April 2013	2013/470
Section 133	8th April 2013	2013/470
Section 134	8th April 2013	2013/470
Section 135	8th April 2013	2013/470
Section 136	8th April 2013	2013/470
Section 137	8th April 2013	2013/470
Section 138	8th April 2013	2013/470
Section 140	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Section 141(7) and (9) to (12)	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Section 142	3rd December 2012	2012/2770
Section 143	3rd December 2012	2012/2770
Section 144	1st September 2012	2012/1956
Section 145	3rd December 2012	2012/2770
Section 146	3rd December 2012	2012/2770
Section 147	3rd December 2012	2012/2770
Schedule 1	1st April 2013	2013/470
Schedule 2	1st April 2013	2013/470
Schedule 3	1st April 2013	2013/470
Schedule 4	4th March 2013	2013/470

Schedule 5	1st April 2013	2013/470
Schedule 6	1st April 2013	2013/470
Schedule 7	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Schedule 8	1st October 2012	2012/2412
Schedule 9	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Schedule 10	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
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Schedule 19	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Schedule 20	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Schedule 21	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Schedule 22	3rd December 2012	2012/2906
Schedule 23	8th April 2013	2013/470
Schedule 24	8th April 2013	2013/470
Schedule 26	3rd December 2012	2012/2770
Schedule 27	3rd December 2012	2012/2770

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