

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED CONTRACT (CIVIL) 2007

PHASE 2 FAMILY FEES

To be implemented from 9 May 2011

Words and expressions defined in the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 have the same meanings when used in this notice.

This notice of amendment only affects Suppliers who provide services in the Family /Family and Housing Categories of Law under the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007.

The contract amendments set out in this notice, which have been subject to consultation with the Consultative Bodies, will be incorporated into the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 from 00.01 am on 9 May 2011 under Clauses 13.2 and 13.4 of the Unified Contract (Civil) Standard Terms.

The contract amendments under Clause 13.2 are made in response to the Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2011 (SI 2011/1027).

Amendments

The following amendments to the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 set out below are all accessible on our website at www.legalservices.gov.uk following the link Community Legal Service>Civil Contracts>The Unified Contract:

- 1 Amendments to the Family Category of Law Specific Provisions set out at Section 10 of the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 Specification, primarily to incorporate the new fee schemes as required by the Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2011. *Refer to "Section 10 Amended Family Specification – Apr 2011" in the documents panel on the LSC webpage for full details of the changes.*
- 2 Amendments to the Housing Category of Law Specific Provisions set out at Section 15 of the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 Specification, to include controls on experts' fees – two new paragraphs 15.12 and 15.13 have been added to the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 Specification. *Refer to "Addendum to Housing Specification - Apr 2011" in the documents panel on the LSC webpage for full details of the changes;*
- 3 A new Payment Annex 2011 to the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 will be added to Part B of the Unified Contract (Civil) 2007 Specification and shall apply to the relevant matters and cases started on or after 00.01 am on 9 May 2011. *Refer to "Payment Annex 2011 – Apr 2011" for full details of the changes.*

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