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It is important that you understand that by signing this declaration you agree to the Legal Aid Agency, the courts, or your solicitor, contacting your partner to check the information that you have given in this form, and in forms CRM15 and CRM15C, if you complete them.

Enquiries

I authorise such enquiries as are considered necessary to enable the Legal Aid Agency, its agents, HM Courts & Tribunals Service, or my solicitor to find out my income and capital, and those of my partner. This includes my consent for parties such as my bank, building society, the Department for Work and Pensions, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency or HM Revenue and Customs to provide information to assist the Legal Aid Agency, its agents or HM Courts & Tribunals Service with their enquiries.

I consent to the Legal Aid Agency or my solicitor contacting my partner for information and evidence about my partner's means. This includes circumstances where my partner is unable to sign or complete the form.

I understand that if the information which my partner provides is incorrect, or if my partner refuses to provide information, then: if my case is in the magistrates' court, my legal aid may be withdrawn or, if my case is in the Crown Court, I may be liable to sanctions. I understand that the sanctions may result in me paying towards the cost of my legal aid or, if I already pay, paying more towards the cost of my legal aid, or paying my legal aid costs in full.

Ending legal aid

I understand that I must tell my solicitor and write to the court if I no longer want public representation. I understand that if I decline representation I may be liable for costs incurred to the date when my solicitor and the court receive my letter.

Data sharing

I agree that, if I am convicted, the information in this form will be used by HMCTS or designated officer to determine the appropriate level of any financial penalty ordered against me, and for its collection and enforcement.


Notice on fraud

If false or inaccurate information is provided and fraud is identified, details will be passed to fraud prevention agencies to prevent fraud and money laundering.

Further details explaining how the information held by fraud prevention agencies may be used can be found in the 'Fair Processing Notice', available on the Legal Aid Agency website at: www.justice.gov.uk/legal-aid/make-an-application

Signed

Date



Full name (in BLOCK LETTERS)

If your partner has not signed the declaration at **38**, please explain: