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Criminal Justice System Exchange Data Standards Catalogue

Notification of Change: Update to ‘Legal Aid Status’ Standard

The entry in the table below introduces version 2 of the ‘Legal Aid Status’ standard.

The change to the standard is the introduction of a new code: **NA** ‘Not Applicable’

This new version of the standard is in effect from the Approval Date given in this document.

The standard will be added to the next published version of the CJS Data Standards Catalogue.

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Legal Aid Status

Description	A code to describe the current status of an application for representation under legal aid.	
Version	2	
Approval Date	25/01/2015	
Minimum	2	
Maximum	2	
Default	None	
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AP Application PendingFB Failed Both IOJ and MeansFJ Failed on IOJFM Failed on MeansG2 Granted for two advocatesGQ Granted with QCGR Granted (one advocate)NA Not ApplicableWD Withdrawn	
Validation	Alphanumeric	
Owner	CJSE Product Board	
Steward	HMCTS	
Based On	None	



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**Comments**

This standard is used in the exchange of criminal case data between the LAA (MAAT system) and HMCTS (Libra system). The message content is fixed for all scenarios that trigger and exchange messages.

On the receipt of an application for legal aid being received by the LAA, an initial enquiry message is sent to Libra. At this stage the status is that the application is pending a decision (status AP).

The data item is required in a result message for all offences/applications before the court.

Civil and interlocutory applications also need to be reported to the LAA. However, such applications cannot attract legal aid and thus have no Legal Aid Status. This creates the need for a value of NA (Not Applicable) to enable those matters to be reported even though they cannot have a valid Legal Aid status.