STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 246

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1975

Made - - -	*25th February* 1975
Laid before Parliament	*6th March* 1975
Coming into Operation	31*st March* 1975

The Secretary of State for the Environment as respects England and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, having referred their proposals to make regulations under section 20(2) of the Housing Finance Act 1972**(a)** to the Advisory Committee on Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances pursuant to section 20(3) of that Act, and with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the said section 20(2), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In these regulations—

" the Act " means the Housing Finance Act 1972;

" Schedule 3 " means Schedule 3 to the Act, and

" the 1974 regulations " means the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1974**(c)**.

(4) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, references to any enactment shall be construed as references thereto as varied by regulations made under that enactment itself and as amended, varied, extended or applied by or under any other enactment.

(a) 1972 c. 47. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1974/1332 (1974 II, p. 5041).

Effective date for variation of Schedule 3

2. Without prejudice to the making at any time before 7th April 1975 of a scheme under Part II of the Act expressed to come into operation on that date, being a scheme taking account of the variation of the provisions of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 made by these regulations, the said variation shall take effect on that date and not before.

Variation of Schedule 3

3. In relation to any week in a rebate period or allowance period, being a week commencing after 6th April 1975, Schedule 3 shall have effect with the substitution for paragraph 8, as varied by the 1974 regulations, of the following paragraph—

" 8.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the needs allowance for each week is—

(*a*) for an individual person who has no dependent children	£19.35
(*b*) for a married couple	£26.75
(*c*) for an individual person who has a dependent child or children	£26.75
(*d*) for each dependent child of a tenant or his spouse ...	£4.05

(2) The needs allowance for each week is—

(*a*) for an individual person who has no dependent children and who is registered in pursuance of arrangements made under section 29(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948 (welfare arrangements for handicapped persons)	£20.85
(*b*) for a married couple one of whom is so registered ...	£28.25
(*c*) for an individual person who is so registered and who has a dependent child or children	£28.25
(*d*) for a married couple both of whom are so registered ...	£29.15".

14th February 1975.

Anthony Crosland,
Secretary of State for
the Environment.

21st February 1975.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

We consent,
25th February 1975.

J. Dormand,
M. Cocks,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which apply to England and Wales, further vary paragraph 8 (Needs allowance) of Schedule 3 to the Housing Finance Act 1972 (" the Act of 1972 ") by reference to which the amount of any rent rebate or rent allowance is calculated, so as to increase the needs allowance for any week in a rebate period or allowance period commencing after 6th April 1975 by amounts varying between 50p for a dependent child and £2.50 for married couples and for individuals with dependent children.

Schedules 3 and 4 to the Act of 1972, with which, subject to the other provisions of the Act, every rent rebate scheme and every rent allowance scheme under Part II of that Act must conform, were amended by the Furnished Lettings (Rent Allowances) Act 1973 (c. 6) and have also been varied by regulations. Paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 was last varied by the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1974. The effective date for the further variation of that paragraph made by the present regulations is 7th April 1975, although schemes taking account of it, and expressed to come into operation on 7th April 1975, may be made before that date.

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