STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1736

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Grants by Local Authorities (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1980

Made - - - -	12*th November* 1980
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Coming into Operation	15*th December* 1980

The Secretary of State for the Environment as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 58(2) and (3), 64(3) and (4), 68(3A) and (3B), 70(A), 72(3) and (3A), and 128 of the Housing Act 1974(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Grants by Local Authorities (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1980.

(2) In this order—

"the Act" means the Housing Act 1974, and

"listed building" means a building which is for the time being included in a list compiled or approved by the Secretary of State under section 54 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971(**b**), and a reference to a grade is to the grade indicated in respect of a building in such a list.

(3) In this order a reference to a dwelling which is a listed building includes a reference to a dwelling which is in or which is to be provided by the conversion of a listed building.

Standard amenities

2. The provisions of Schedule 6 to the Act are hereby varied by substituting for Part I thereof the following:—

(**a**) 1974 c. 44; sections 58(3), 68(3A) and (3B), 70A and 72(3A) were inserted by section 107 of and Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980 (c. 51), section 128 was amended by section 152(1) of and paragraph 30 of Schedule 25 to that Act.

(**b**) 1971 c. 78.

"PART I

LIST OF AMENITIES AND MAXIMUM ELIGIBLE AMOUNTS

Description of amenity	*Maximum eligible amount*	
	Premises in Greater London	*Premises elsewhere*
	£	£
A fixed bath or shower	375	285
A hot and cold water supply at a fixed bath or shower	475	360
A wash-hand basin	145	110
A hot and cold water supply at a wash-hand basin	250	190
A sink	375	285
A hot and cold water supply at a sink	315	240
A water closet	565	430"

Improvement grants

3.—(1) There are hereby specified—

(*a*) for the purposes of section 64(3)(*a*) of the Act, the amounts ascertained from Table 1, and

(*b*) for the purposes of section 64(3)(*b*)of the Act, the amounts ascertained from Table 2 in relation to the descriptions of dwellings set out in those Tables.

(2) In the Tables—

"category A" applies to any dwelling which on the date on which the application for the grant is approved is covered by one or more of the following descriptions:—

(*a*) it is in a housing action area;

(*b*) it is or forms part of a house in relation to which the local authority have served a notice under section 9(1) or 16 of the Housing Act 1957**(a)** and the relevant works consist of or include works which if executed would contribute towards rendering the house fit for human habitation;

(*c*) (i) it lacks, or is to be provided by the conversion of a dwelling which lacks, one or more of the standard amenities, and

(ii) the relevant works consist of or include the provision of a standard amenity which is lacking, and

(iii) the local authority are satisfied that the standard amenity which is to be provided, or, where more than one such amenity is to be provided, each of them, has been lacking for a period of not less than 12 months, ending on the date on which the application was made.

(*d*) it is in need of works of repair of a substantial and structural character, and the relevant works consist of or include such works; and

"category B" applies to any dwelling other than one to which category A applies.

(3) In paragraph 2 a reference to a dwelling includes a reference to a dwelling which is to be provided by the conversion of a dwelling.

(a) 1957 c. 56.

TABLE 1

Specified amounts for the purposes of section 64(3)(a) of the Housing Act 1974

	Dwellings in Greater London		Dwellings elsewhere	
	Category A £	Category B £	Category A £	Category B £
PART 1				
Dwellings which are not listed buildings	11,500	7,500	8,500	5,500
PART 2				
Dwellings which are listed buildings of the following grades:—				
Grade I	12,950	8,950	9,950	6,950
Grade II*	12,370	8,370	9,370	6,370
Grade II (Unstarred)	11,930	7,930	8,930	5,930

TABLE 2

Specified amounts for the purposes of section 64(3)(b) of the Housing Act 1974

	Dwellings in Greater London		Dwellings elsewhere	
	Category A £	Category B £	Category A £	Category B £
PART 1				
Dwellings which are not listed buildings.	13,300	8,700	9,800	6,400
PART 2				
Dwellings which are listed buildings of the following grades:—				
Grade I	14,750	10,150	11,250	7,850
Grade II*	14,170	9,570	10,670	7,270
Grade II (Unstarred)	13,740	9,140	10,240	6,840

Intermediate grants

4.—(1) The amounts of—

(*a*) £3,500 in respect of dwellings in Greater London, and

(*b*) £2,500 in respect of dwellings elsewhere

are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 68(3A)(*a*) of the Act.

(2) The amounts of—

(*a*) £350 in respect of dwellings in Greater London, and

(*b*) £250 in respect of dwellings elsewhere

are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 68(3A)(*b*) of the Act as the amount to be multiplied by the number of standard amenities to be provided.

(3) The amounts of—

(*a*) £1,400 in respect of dwellings in Greater London, and

(*b*) £1,000 in respect of dwellings elsewhere

are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 68(3A) (*b*) of the Act as the maximum to which the amount prescribed by paragraph (2), multiplied by the number of standard amenities to be provided, is subject.

Special grants

5.—(1) In relation to applications for special grants for houses in multiple occupation in Greater London, £9,000 is hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 70A(3) of the Act as the maximum amount of the contributory element as regards the provision of means of escape from fire.

(2) The amounts of—

(*a*) £3,500 in respect of houses in multiple occupation in Greater London, and

(*b*) £2,500 in respect of houses in multiple occupation elsewhere,

are hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 70A(4) of the Act as the maximum amount of the contributory element as regards works of repair and replacement.

Repairs grants

6.—(1) The amounts mentioned in paragraph (2) are hereby prescribed as the limits of eligible expense for the purposes of section 72(3) of the Act in relation to the descriptions of dwellings set out in that paragraph.

(2) The prescribed amounts are:—

(*a*) in respect of a dwelling which is not a listed building, £5,500 where the dwelling is in Greater London and £4,000 where it is elsewhere;

(*b*) in respect of a dwelling which is a Grade I listed building, £6,230 where the building is in Greater London and £4,730 where it is elsewhere;

(*c*) in respect of a dwelling which is a Grade II* listed building, £5,940 where the building is in Greater London and £4,440 where it is elsewhere; and

(*d*) in respect of a dwelling which is a Grade II (unstarred) listed building, £5,720 where the building is in Greater London and £4,220 where it is elsehere.

Geoffrey Finsberg,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State.
10th November 1980.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

12th November 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The amount of a grant for the improvement or repair of a dwelling or house in multiple occupation under Part VII of the Housing Act 1974 (as amended principally by section 107 of and Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980) is determined inter alia by limits on the amount of the estimated expense of the works to be carried out which is eligible to be taken into account when the application for the grant is approved.

This order increases the limits of eligible expense in relation to different descriptions of case, according to whether the premises are in Greater London or elsewhere, and in relation to improvement grants and repairs grants according to whether the works are to be carried out to a listed building. Higher limits are prescribed in relation to improvement grants according to whether the premises are in a housing action area, and according to their condition.

The order also raises the maximum eligible amounts specified in Part I of Schedule 6 to the Housing Act 1974 in relation to the standard amenities there described (the descriptions remaining unchanged). This has the effect of increasing the maximum eligible expense for intermediate grants (which primarily relate to the provision of standard amenities) according to whether the premises are in Greater London or elsewhere. The limits for the repairs element of intermediate grants are also increased.

Grants for houses in multiple occupation may be made up of 3 elements relating to the installation of standard amenities, the provision of means of escape from fire and the carrying out of works of repair or replacement. The maximum eligible expense for the provision of standard amenities is increased by the increase in the amounts specified in Part I of Schedule 6. The order increases the limit for the provision of means of escape from fire for premises in Greater London, and increases the limit for works of repair and replacement both in Greater London and elsewhere.

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