STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 613

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Grants by Local Authorities (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1983

Made - - - - -	19*th April* 1983
Laid before the House of Commons	28*th April* 1983
Coming into Operation	20*th May* 1983

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 1983 and shall come into operation on 20th May 1983.

(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 Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980 (c. 51); section 128 was amended by 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	450	340
A hot and cold water supply at a fixed bath or shower	570	430
A wash-hand basin	175	130
A hot and cold water supply at a wash-hand basin	300	230
A sink	450	340
A hot and cold water supply at a sink	380	290
A water closet	680	515".

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;

(*e*) it is a dwelling for a disabled occupant and the relevant works consist of or include works needed to meet a requirement arising from the particular disability from which he suffers; and

(a) 1957 c. 56.

"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.

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	13,800	9,000	10,200	6,600
PART 2 Dwellings which are listed buildings of the following grades:—				
Grade I	15,540	10,740	11,940	8,340
Grade II*	14,840	10,040	11,240	7,640
Grade II (Unstarred)	14,320	9,520	10,720	7,120

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	16,000	10,400	11,800	7,700
PART 2 Dwellings which are listed buildings of the following grades:—				
Grade I	17,700	12,180	13,500	9,420
Grade II*	17,000	11,480	12,800	8,720
Grade II (Unstarred)	16,490	10,970	12,290	8,210

Intermediate grants

4.—(1) The amounts of—

(*a*) £4,200 in respect of dwellings in Greater London, and

(*b*) £3,000 in respect of dwellings elsewhere

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

(2) The amounts of—

(*a*) £420 in respect of dwellings in Greater London, and

(*b*) £300 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*) £1,680 in respect of dwellings in Greater London, and

(*b*) £1,200 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) The amounts of—

(*a*) £10,800 in respect of houses in multiple occupation in Greater London, and

(*b*) £8,100 in respect of houses in multiple occupation elsewhere

are 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*) £4,200 in respect of houses in multiple occupation in Greater London, and

(*b*) £3,000 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, £6,600 where the dwelling is in Greater London and £4,800 where it is elsewhere;

(*b*) in respect of a dwelling which is a Grade I listed building, £7,480 where the building is in Greater London and £5,680 where it is elsewhere;

(*c*) in respect of a dwelling which is a Grade II* listed building, £7,130 where the building is in Greater London and £5,330 where it is elsewhere; and

(*d*) in respect of a dwelling which is a Grade II (Unstarred) listed building, £6,860 where the building is in Greater London and £5,060 where it is elsewhere.

Tom King,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

15th April 1983.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

19th April 1983.

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 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 and the limit for works of repair and replacement both in Greater London and elsewhere.

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