STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1737

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Grants by Local Authorities (Repairs) Order 1980

Made - - - -	13*th November* 1980
Laid before Parliament	24*th November* 1980
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 63(2), 71(3A) and (3B) and 128 of the Housing Act 1974 (**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and with the consent of the Treasury, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

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

(2) In this order "the Act" means the Housing Act 1974.

Repairs element of improvement grant

2. For the purposes of section 63(2) of the Act, 70 per cent. is hereby prescribed as the percentage of the estimated expense allowable for works of repair and replacement where the dwelling is, or is to be provided by the conversion of a dwelling which is, in need of works of repair of a substantial and structural character.

Meaning of "old dwelling"

3. For the purposes of section 71(3A)(*a*) of the Act the expression "old dwelling" means a dwelling which is, or forms part of, a building which was erected before 1st January 1919.

Rateable value limits for repairs grants

4. For the purposes of section 71(3A)(*b*) of the Act the following rateable value limits are hereby specified:—

(**a**) 1974 c.44; section 71(3A) and (3B) was inserted by section 107 of and paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980 (c.51) and section 128 was amended by section 152(1) of and paragraph 30 of Schedule 25 to that Act.

(*a*) in relation to dwellings in Greater London, £400, and

(*b*) in relation to dwellings elsewhere, £225.

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

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

12th November 1980.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

We consent,

13th November 1980.

Carol Mather,
David Waddington,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

Under section 63 of the Housing Act 1974, the element of the estimated expense of works to be carried out with the assistance of an improvement grant which may consist of works of repair and replacement shall be not more than 50 per cent. By article 2 of this order a higher percentage is prescribed where the application relates to a dwelling in need of works of repair of a substantial and structural character.

Repairs grants under sections 71 and 72 of the Housing Act 1974 (as amended by section 107 of and Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980) are available in respect only of "old dwellings" within any meaning given to that expression by an order made by the Secretary of State. Article 3 of this order defines the expression for the purposes of section 71(3A) of the Act.

Except in housing action areas repairs grants are available to owner-occupiers only for dwellings within limits of rateable value specified by order. Limits of £400 in Greater London and £225 elsewhere are specified by article 4.

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