STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1062

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES
HOUSING, SCOTLAND

The Homes Insulation Grants Order 1980

Made - - - - - -	23*rd July* 1980
Laid before the House of Commons	4*th August* 1980
Coming into Operation - -	26*th August* 1980

The Secretary of State for the Environment as respects England, the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, and the Secretary of State for Scotland as respects Scotland, in exercise of their powers under section 1(4), (5)(*b*) and (9) of the Homes Insulation Act 1978(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and with the approval of the Treasury, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Home Insulation Grants Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 26th August 1980.

(2) In this order "application on grounds of special need" means an application for a home insulation grant made or authorised to be made by a person who has attained the age of 65, if a man, or the age of 60, if a woman, and who is in receipt of any of the following—

(*a*) a supplementary pension under Part I of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976(**b**), or

(*b*) a rent rebate or rent allowance under Part II of the Housing Finance Act 1972(**c**) or Part II of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972(**d**), or

(*c*) a rate rebate under Part II of the Local Government Act 1974(**e**) or Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(**f**).

Prescribed percentages and amounts

2. For the purposes of the Homes Insulation Scheme 1980 there is hereby prescribed—

(*a*) as the percentage of the cost of the works qualifying for grant in the case of an applicaton made on grounds of special need, 90 per cent., and

(**a**) 1978 c. 48. (**b**) 1976 c. 71. (**c**) 1972 c. 47. (**d**) 1972 c. 46.
(**e**) 1974 c. 7. (**f**) 1973 c. 65.

(*b*) as the percentage of that cost in all other cases, 66 per cent.;

(*c*) as the money sum payable as grant in the case of an application made on grounds of special need, £90, and

(*d*) as the money sum in all other cases, £65.

21st July 1980.

Michael R. D. Heseltine,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

23rd July 1980.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

23rd July 1980.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

We approve,

23rd July 1980.

John Mac Gregor,
David Waddington,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Homes Insulation Scheme 1980, made under the Homes Insulation Act 1978 and laid before Parliament in accordance with that Act, requires local authorities to give grants towards the cost of the thermal insulation of the roof spaces of dwellings and of associated works to the extent that finance has been committed to them for that purpose. The scheme differs from its predecessor, the Homes Insulation Scheme 1978, in that it makes available a higher rate of grant for persons of pensionable age who are in receipt either of a supplementary pension, or a rent or rate rebate or a rent allowance, and raises the money sum payable as grant in other cases. In this Order the Secretaries of State prescribe the maximum percentages of the cost of the works (90 per cent. in the case of those persons and 66 per cent. in other cases) and the money sums (£90 and £65 respectively) payable as grant. The amount of the grant under the Act is the appropriate percentage or the appropriate money sum, whichever is the less.