STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES
HOUSING, SCOTLAND

The Homes Insulation Grants Order 1983

Made - - - -	*2nd March* 1983
Laid before the House of Commons	*10th March* 1983
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1983

The Secretary of State for the Environment, as respects England, the Secretary of State for Scotland, as respects Scotland, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, 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 and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1983.

Prescribed percentages and amounts

2. For the purposes of the Homes Insulation Scheme 1983, there is hereby prescribed:—

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

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

(*c*) as the money sum payable as grant in the case of those applying on grounds of special need, £95; and

(*d*) as the money sum in all other cases, £69.

Tom King,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

21st February 1983.

(**a**) 1978 c. 48.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

23rd February 1983.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

21st February 1983.

We approve,

J. A. Cope,
Donald Thompson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

2nd March 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Homes Insulation Scheme 1983 (which replaces the Scheme of 1982 and its amendment) 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 thermal insulation of roof spaces of dwellings and of associated works to the extent that finance has been committed to them for that purpose. The order and the 1983 Scheme, like their predecessors, provide for grants to be made on a higher scale in the case of those applying on grounds of special need. Under section 1(6) of the 1978 Act, "special need' is defined by the Scheme and broadly covers any person with a low income who is either elderly or severely disabled, or has a dependant who is severely disabled. The Scheme has been amended to reflect the fact that from April 1983 rate rebate, rent rebate and rent allowance (receipt of which is relied upon as evidence of low income) will be paid under the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 (c.24), and to make other minor changes.

This order specifies the maximum percentage of the cost of work and the maximum money sum available, both in relation to applications on grounds of special need and to other cases. These figures are the same as in the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/504) and the Homes Insulation Grants (No. 2) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1772): 90 per cent. and £95 for applications on the grounds of special need and 66 per cent. and £69 for other cases.

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