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RATING AND VALUATION

The Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1985

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, with the consent of the Treasury(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 28(1) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982(**b**), after consultation with organisations appearing to him to be representative of authorities concerned(**c**) and after reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee(**d**), hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1985, shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

Amendment of the Housing Benefits Regulations 1982

2. In Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefits Regulations 1982(**e**) (areas of high rent)—

(a) in paragraph 1, for "120%" there shall be substituted "130%";

(b) in paragraph 2, for "115%" there shall be substituted "130%"; and

(c) in paragraph 7, for "120%" there shall be substituted "130%".

(**a**) *See* section 28(1) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 (c.24).
(**b**) 1982 c. 24.
(**c**) *See* section 36(1) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982.
(**d**) *See* sections 9(7) and 10 of the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), as amended by section 48(5) of and paragraph 30 of Schedule 4 to the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982.
(**e**) S.I. 1982/1124; there are no relevant amending instruments.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

7th March 1985.

We consent,

T. Garel-Jones,
A. G. Hamilton,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

11th March 1985.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend Schedule 4 to the Housing Benefits Regulations 1982 by increasing to 130% the percentage of the general level of rents above which authorities may qualify for authorisation to grant rent rebates or allowances in accordance with that Schedule. Where an authorisation has been granted, the method of calculating benefit is modified in cases where the rent is equal to or in excess of 130% of the general level of rents payable to housing authorities.

The Report of the Social Security Advisory Committee dated 21st December 1983 on the proposals to make these regulations and a statement showing the extent to which these regulations give effect to the Committee's recommendations and, insofar as they do not give effect to them, the reasons why not, are contained in Command Papers Nos. 9150 and [9460] published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

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