STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES
HOUSING, SCOTLAND
RATING AND VALUATION

The Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1985

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - *2nd August* 1985

Coming into Operation *25th November* 1985

The Secretary of State for Social Services, with the consent of the Treasury(**a**), having made the reviews under section 29 of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982(**b**), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 28(1) and 29(2) and (3) of that Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations, of which a draft has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 29(2) of that Act and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 25th November 1985.

Increase of needs allowances

2. In each provision of regulation 15 of the Housing Benefits Regulations 1985(**c**) (needs allowances) specified in column 1 of the Schedule to these regulations, for the amount specified in relation to it in column 2 of that Schedule there shall be substituted the amount specified in relation to it in column 3 of that Schedule.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of state for Social Services.

Tony Newton,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

29th July 1985.

We consent,

Donald Thompson,
John Major,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

2nd August 1985.

(**a**) *See* section 28(1) of the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 (c.24).
(**b**) 1982 c.24, as amended by the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1983 (c.36).
(**c**) S.I. 1985/677; there are no relevant amending instruments.

SCHEDULE Regulation 2

AMOUNTS SUBSTITUTED IN REGULATION 15 OF THE HOUSING BENEFITS REGULATIONS 1985

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
Provision of regulation 15 of the Housing Benefits Regulations 1985	Old amount	New amount
Paragraph (1)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£45.10	£47.70
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£66.50	£70.20
sub-paragraph (*c*)	£66.50	£70.20
Paragraph (2)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	£50.30	£53.20
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£71.70	£75.70
sub-paragraph (*c*)	£71.70	£75.70
sub-paragraph (*d*)	£74.15	£78.25
Paragraph (3)—		
sub-paragraph (*a*)	80p	85p
sub-paragraph (*b*)	£12.85	£14.50

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase the amounts specified as needs allowances in regulation 15 of the Housing Benefits Regulations 1985 ("the 1985 regulations"). Needs allowances are amounts used in the calculation of rate rebates, rent rebates, or rent allowances for persons other than those in receipt of supplementary benefit. A person's income is compared with the relevant needs allowance as part of this calculation, in accordance with regulation 22 of the 1985 regulations.

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