STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 729

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1975

Made - - - -	30*th April* 1975
Laid before the House of Commons -	12*th May* 1975
Coming into Operation	2*nd June* 1975

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 upon them by section 79(4) of the Housing Act 1974**(a)**, as amended by section 17(4) of and paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 5 to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975**(b)**, and by section 79(4A) thereof, as inserted by section 17(4) of and paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 5 to the said Act of 1975, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 2nd June 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(c)** shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to any enactment shall be construed as a reference thereto as amended, and as including references thereto as extended or applied by or under any other enactment.

Eligible expense limits

2.—(1) In the case of applications for improvement contributions under section 79 of the Housing Act 1974 approved by the Secretary of State after the coming into operation of this order, the following amounts are hereby specified for the purposes of section 79(4) of that Act—

(*a*) £3,200 for each dwelling which is improved or is provided otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (*b*) below; and

(*b*) £3,700 for each dwelling which is provided by the conversion of a house or other building consisting of three or more storeys.

(a) 1974 c. 44. (b) 1975 c. 6. (c) 1889 c. 63.

(2) For the purposes of this article, where an improvement contribution is to be paid towards the expenses incurred by a housing authority in the provision of a dwelling all or part of which is in the basement of a building, the basement shall count as a storey.

Anthony Crosland,
25th April 1975. Secretary of State for the Environment.

John Morris,
30th April 1975. Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which applies to England and Wales, specifies new limits of eligible expense for the purposes of improvement contributions to housing authorities in the case of applications approved on or after 2nd June 1975, in place of the limit of £2,000 set out in section 79(4) of the Housing Act 1974. Section 79(4) of that Act was amended by paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 5 to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975 to include an order-making power.

In place of the amount of £2,000, the Order specifies the amount of £3,200 as the limit for a dwelling improved or provided otherwise than by the conversion of a house or other building consisting of three or more storeys, and the amount of £3,700 for a dwelling provided by the conversion of a house or other building consisting of three or more storeys.

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