STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 983

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2022

Made - - - -at 12.00 p.m. on 23rd September 2022

Laid before Parliament at 2.00 p.m. on 23rd September 2022

Coming into force 31st October 2022

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 140B(1), (3), (4) and (4A), 140C(1) and (4), 140F(2) and 189(1), (4), (6) and (7) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**a**).

In accordance with section 189(8) of that Act(**b**), the Secretary of State has obtained the consent of the Treasury.

In accordance with section 176(1)(b) of that Act(**c**), the Secretary of State has consulted with organisations appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the authorities concerned.

Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2022 and comes into force on 31st October 2022.

(2) Any amendment made by this Order has the same extent as the provision amended.

Amendment of the 1998 Order and effect of amendments

2.—(1) The Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998(**d**) is amended in accordance with articles 3 to 7.

(2) Articles 3, 4 and 6 and Schedules 1 and 3 have effect for the purpose of determining subsidy payable for the relevant year(**e**) beginning with 1st April 2021.

(**a**) 1992 c. 5 ("the Administration Act"). Sections 140B, 140C and 140F were inserted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52). Section 140B(1) was amended by paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 (c. 47) ("the Fraud Act"). Section 140B(4) was substituted and section 140(4A) was inserted by section 10 of the Fraud Act. There are amendments to sections 140C and 189(1), (4) and (6) which are not relevant to this Order. Section 189(7) was amended by paragraph 24 of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14) and by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the Fraud Act.

(**b**) Relevant amendments are made by paragraph 3(5) of Schedule 13 to the Housing Act 1996 and paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c.21).

(**c**) Section 176(1)(b) is amended by paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 13 to the Housing Act 1996.

(**d**) S.I. 1998/562; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2004/646, 2008/695, 2018/985, 2020/976 and 2021/1031.

(**e**) See section 140G of the Administration Act for the definition of "year".

(3) Articles 5 and 7 and Schedules 2 and 4 have effect for the purpose of determining subsidy payable for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2022.

(4) In paragraphs (2) and (3), "relevant year" means the year in respect of which a claim for subsidy is made.

Housing Benefit Assurance Process

3. In article 2 (interpretation of Parts 2 and 4), in the definition of "HBAP", for "30th March 2020", substitute "31st March 2022".

The amount of an authority's subsidy

4. For Schedule 1 (sums to be used in the calculation of subsidy) substitute the Schedule 1 set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

Additional amount of subsidy: Verify Earnings and Pension Alerts Service

5. For Schedule 1ZB (additional amount of subsidy: Verify Earnings and Pension Alerts Service), substitute the Schedule 1ZB set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Housing Benefit Award Accuracy Initiative

6. For Schedule 1ZC (additional amount of subsidy: housing benefit award accuracy initiative), substitute the Schedule 1ZC set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

Rent rebate deductions from the subsidy of an authority in Wales

7. For Schedule 4A (rent rebate limitation deductions (housing revenue account dwellings): authorities in Wales), substitute the Schedule 4A set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Victoria Prentis
Minister of State
At 12.00 p.m. on 23rd September 2022 — Department for Work and Pensions

We consent.

Craig Whittaker
Gareth Johnson
22nd September 2022 — Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury

SCHEDULE 1

Article 4

Substitution of Schedule 1 to the 1998 Order

"SCHEDULE 1

Article 12(1)(b)

Sums to be used in the calculation of subsidy

Relevant Year 2021-2022

Local authority	*Administration subsidy (£)*
England	
Adur District Council	166,774
Allerdale Borough Council	285,828
Amber Valley Borough Council	338,744
Arun District Council	459,401
Ashfield District Council	381,388
Ashford Borough Council	360,980
Babergh District Council	201,763
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	1,140,118
London Borough of Barnet	1,616,245
Barnsley Borough Council	872,272
Barrow Borough Council	216,323
Basildon District Council	624,987
Basingstoke and Deane District Council	433,632
Bassetlaw District Council	317,494
Bath and North East Somerset Council	432,954
Bedford Borough Council	533,537
London Borough of Bexley	722,001
Birmingham City Council	5,779,690
Blaby District Council	169,742
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	530,227
Blackpool Borough Council	836,872
Bolsover District Council	246,048
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	1,094,027
Boston Borough Council	214,041
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	1,240,204
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	286,440
Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council	1,744,903
Braintree District Council	372,561
Breckland District Council	349,145
London Borough of Brent	2,031,962
Brentwood District Council	139,102
Brighton and Hove Council	1,096,240
Bristol City Council	1,637,702
Broadland District Council	218,646
London Borough of Bromley	870,560
Bromsgrove District Council	171,522
Broxbourne Borough Council	301,767
Broxtowe Council	255,670
Buckinghamshire Council	1,184,153

Burnley Borough Council	384,919
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	581,719
Calderdale Borough Council	720,662
Cambridge City Council	357,031
London Borough of Camden	1,448,119
Cannock Chase District Council	281,991
Canterbury City Council	434,026
City of Carlisle District Council	303,502
Castle Point District Council	196,629
Central Bedfordshire	564,010
Charnwood Borough Council	355,376
Chelmsford Borough Council	377,519
Cheltenham Borough Council	300,276
Cherwell District Council	337,046
Cheshire East Council	831,421
Cheshire West and Chester Council	905,106
Chesterfield Borough Council	401,416
Chichester District Council	299,958
Chorley Borough Council	277,031
City of London	57,567
Colchester Borough Council	527,384
Copeland Borough Council	221,215
Cornwall Council	1,727,900
Cotswold District Council	174,557
Coventry City Council	1,238,838
Craven District Council	109,509
Crawley Borough Council	449,400
London Borough of Croydon	1,814,031
Dacorum Borough Council	442,434
Darlington Borough Council	410,686
Dartford Borough Council	286,585
Derby City Council	880,817
Derbyshire Dales District Council	145,407
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	1,091,147
Dorset Council	912,709
Dover District Council	388,841
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	964,225
Durham County Council	2,102,314
London Borough of Ealing	1,851,001
East Cambridgeshire District Council	189,300
East Devon District Council	335,752
East Hampshire District Council	210,144
East Hertfordshire District Council	318,481
East Lindsey District Council	471,405
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	745,130
East Staffordshire Borough Council	290,395
East Suffolk Council	694,438
Eastbourne Borough Council	434,434
Eastleigh Borough Council	276,450
Eden District Council	99,800
Elmbridge Borough Council	311,766
London Borough of Enfield	2,157,709
Epping Forest District Council	320,617

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	159,578
Erewash Borough Council	324,630
Exeter City Council	381,586
Fareham Borough Council	183,161
Fenland District Council	303,245
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	386,896
Forest of Dean District Council	206,464
Fylde Borough Council	208,970
Gateshead Borough Council	858,107
Gedling Borough Council	280,065
Gloucester City Council	432,448
Gosport Borough Council	271,462
Gravesham Borough Council	319,738
Great Yarmouth Council	410,526
Royal Borough of Greenwich	1,620,429
Guildford Borough Council	274,252
London Borough of Hackney	2,064,473
Halton Borough Council	542,170
Hambleton District Council	190,671
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	1,122,888
Harborough District Council	128,688
London Borough of Haringey	1,703,666
Harlow District Council	357,830
Harrogate Borough Council	308,410
Harrow Council	882,712
Hart District Council	137,774
Hartlepool Borough Council	485,951
Hastings Borough Council	433,056
Havant Borough Council	300,980
London Borough of Havering	764,108
Herefordshire Council	478,350
Hertsmere Borough Council	333,839
High Peak Borough Council	225,944
London Borough of Hillingdon	1,098,919
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	200,910
Horsham District Council	260,149
London Borough of Hounslow	1,125,008
Hull City Council	1,398,549
Huntingdonshire District Council	358,428
Hyndburn Borough Council	309,082
Ipswich Borough Council	541,358
Isle of Wight County Council	502,699
Isles of Scilly Council	1,706
London Borough of Islington	1,662,957
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea	1,036,886
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council	401,919
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames	520,578
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	1,289,211
Knowsley Borough Council	776,361
London Borough of Lambeth	2,120,740
Lancaster City Council	405,040
Leeds City Council	2,691,201
Leicester City Council	1,382,707

Lewes District Council	301,636
London Borough of Lewisham	2,038,224
Lichfield District Council	204,322
City of Lincoln Council	390,562
Liverpool City Council	2,660,206
Luton Borough Council	862,381
Maidstone Borough Council	440,637
Maldon District Council	132,278
Malvern Hills District Council	181,862
Manchester City Council	2,767,129
Mansfield District Council	373,952
Medway Council	882,870
Melton Borough Council	108,827
Mendip District Council	289,418
London Borough of Merton	629,959
Mid Devon District Council	196,894
Mid Suffolk District Council	184,569
Mid Sussex District Council	273,011
Middlesbrough Council	766,190
Milton Keynes Borough Council	903,414
Mole Valley District Council	182,720
New Forest District Council	397,867
Newark and Sherwood District Council	288,175
Newcastle-Under-Lyme Borough Council	336,841
Newcastle City Council	1,343,574
London Borough of Newham	1,946,373
North Devon District Council	280,537
North East Derbyshire District Council	271,623
North East Lincolnshire Council	607,458
North Hertfordshire District Council	330,006
North Kesteven District Council	223,240
North Lincolnshire Council	488,781
North Norfolk District Council	281,476
North Northamptonshire Council	887,308
North Somerset Council	592,797
North Tyneside Borough Council	764,581
North Warwickshire District Council	155,839
North West Leicestershire District Council	202,574
Northumberland County Council	990,611
Norwich City Council	658,264
Nottingham City Council	1,456,450
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	405,863
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council	100,313
Oldham Borough Council	910,869
Oxford City Council	459,987
Pendle Borough Council	286,652
Peterborough City Council	745,199
Plymouth City Council	1,024,060
Portsmouth City Council	924,688
Preston Borough Council	487,938
Reading Borough Council	621,703
London Borough of Redbridge	1,004,702
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	599,349

Borough of Redditch	255,888
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	347,377
Ribble Valley Borough Council	92,282
Richmondshire District Council	101,777
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	473,695
Rochdale Borough Council	919,750
Rochford District Council	151,095
Rossendale Borough Council	212,984
Rother District Council	240,050
Rotherham Borough Council	957,402
Rugby Borough Council	236,557
Runnymede Borough Council	211,335
Rushcliffe Borough Council	185,607
Rushmoor Borough Council	307,919
Rutland County Council	65,457
Ryedale District Council	132,025
Salford City Council	1,235,628
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	1,344,659
Scarborough Borough Council	406,761
Sedgemoor District Council	379,041
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council	1,027,040
Selby District Council	172,133
Sevenoaks District Council	271,005
Sheffield City Council	2,016,189
Shropshire Council	719,739
Slough Borough Council	619,024
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	540,946
Somerset West and Taunton Council	455,030
South Cambridgeshire District Council	269,903
South Derbyshire District Council	193,256
South Gloucestershire Council	571,935
South Hams District Council	218,552
South Holland District Council	200,393
South Kesteven District Council	331,673
South Lakeland District Council	185,768
South Norfolk District Council	267,270
South Oxfordshire District Council	264,327
South Ribble Borough Council	225,429
South Somerset District Council	421,505
South Staffordshire District Council	228,688
South Tyneside Council	795,270
Southampton City Council	977,914
Southend on Sea Borough Council	709,020
London Borough of Southwark	1,799,299
Spelthorne Borough Council	247,609
St Albans District Council	288,429
St Helens Borough Council	663,879
Stafford Borough Council	276,134
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	159,334
Stevenage Borough Council	320,958
Stockport Borough Council	794,190
Stockton on Tees Borough Council	725,054
Stoke on Trent City Council	978,780

Stratford on Avon District Council	273,014
Stroud District Council	243,032
Sunderland City Council	1,292,998
Surrey Heath Borough Council	160,500
London Borough of Sutton	658,508
Swale Borough Council	478,180
Swindon Borough Council	606,821
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	914,735
Tamworth Borough Council	221,049
Tandridge District Council	187,844
Teignbridge District Council	333,532
Telford and Wrekin Council	706,784
Tendring District Council	552,866
Test Valley Borough Council	277,620
Tewkesbury Borough Council	200,446
Thanet District Council	611,231
Three Rivers Council	217,568
Thurrock Borough Council	543,553
Tonbridge and Malling District Council	320,135
Torbay Council	524,699
Torridge District Council	177,864
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	2,245,608
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	618,673
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	291,406
Uttlesford District Council	148,847
Vale of White Horse District Council	270,855
Wakefield Council	1,212,019
Walsall Borough Council	1,146,672
London Borough of Waltham Forest	1,295,219
London Borough of Wandsworth	1,433,604
Warrington Borough Council	555,749
Warwick District Council	305,891
Watford Borough Council	350,311
Waverley Borough Council	254,292
Wealden District Council	289,049
Welwyn Hatfield District Council	362,872
West Berkshire Council	359,167
West Devon Borough Council	138,512
West Lancashire District Council	297,365
West Lindsey District Council	259,045
West Northamptonshire	952,267
West Oxfordshire District Council	205,424
West Suffolk Council	442,056
City of Westminster	1,419,218
Wigan Council	1,018,118
Wiltshire Council	1,113,824
Winchester City Council	263,221
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	295,325
Wirral Borough Council	1,309,372
Woking Borough Council	240,801
Wokingham District Council	214,714
Wolverhampton City Council	1,100,571
Worcester City Council	304,955

Worthing Borough Council	315,502
Wychavon District Council	291,660
Wyre Borough Council	325,381
Wyre Forest District Council	322,340
City of York Council	406,049

Wales

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	325,787
Bridgend County Borough Council	496,753
Caerphilly County Borough Council	676,895
Cardiff City Council	1,443,993
Carmarthenshire County Council	593,035
Ceredigion Council	208,289
Conwy County Borough Council	408,650
Denbighshire County Council	376,552
Flintshire County Council	431,124
Gwynedd Council	362,202
Isle of Anglesey County Council	220,019
Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council	242,683
Monmouthshire County Council	230,483
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	600,412
Newport City Council	598,735
Pembrokeshire County Council	410,567
Powys County Council	342,311
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	870,755
Swansea City Council	951,800
Torfaen Borough Council	398,364
Vale of Glamorgan Council	383,401
Wrexham Council	486,822

Scotland

Aberdeen City Council	678,838
Aberdeenshire Council	498,326
Angus Council	373,135
Argyll and Bute Council	263,669
Clackmannanshire Council	227,522
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar Council	67,746
Dumfries and Galloway Council	550,517
Dundee City Council	777,001
East Ayrshire Council	518,581
East Dunbartonshire Council	213,506
East Lothian District Council	323,700
East Renfrewshire Council	176,089
City of Edinburgh Council	1,726,230
Falkirk District Council	549,236
Fife Council	1,347,783
Glasgow City Council	3,804,319
Highland Council	661,070
Inverclyde District Council	397,668
Midlothian Council	289,469
Moray Council	250,247

North Ayrshire Council	680,462
North Lanarkshire Council	1,417,602
Orkney Islands Council	61,299
Perth and Kinross Council	373,389
Renfrewshire Council	694,515
Scottish Borders Council	369,827
Shetland Islands Council	52,957
South Ayrshire Council	437,418
South Lanarkshire Council	1,143,290
Stirling Council	250,429
West Dunbartonshire Council	534,025
West Lothian Council	684,285”

SCHEDULE 2

Article 5

Substitution of Schedule 1ZB to the 1998 Order

“SCHEDULE 1ZB

Article 12(1)(bza)

Additional amount of subsidy: Verify Earnings and Pension Alerts Service

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule—

“relevant activities” means activities carried out by authorities receiving VEP alerts to administer those alerts;

“VEP alerts” means alerts given by the Secretary of State enabling authorities to identify changes in earnings and pensions so as to help prevent fraud and error relating to housing benefit.

Additional amount: relevant year beginning with 1st April 2022

2. The additional amount of subsidy for an authority for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2022 is the amount specified for that authority in the Housing Benefit Circular HB S8/2022 first published by the Department for Work and Pensions on 17th June 2022(**a**).

Use of amount paid under paragraph 2

3. An authority must use the additional amount received under paragraph 2 in connection with relevant activities.”

(**a**) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-subsidy-circulars-2022/s82022-payment-for-the-verify-earnings-and-pension-service-for-the-financial-year-ending-march-2023. The first publication date of Housing Benefit Circulars published in 2022 can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-adjudication-circulars-2022#full-publication-update-history and clicking on the “+ show all updates” link to show the update history.

SCHEDULE 3

Article 6

Substitution of Schedule 1ZC to the 1998 Order

"SCHEDULE 1ZC

Article 12(1)(bzb)

Additional Amount of Subsidy: Housing Benefit Award Accuracy Initiative

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule—

"HBAAI" means the Housing Benefit Award Accuracy Initiative set out in Housing Benefit Circular HB A6/2021 first published by the Department for Work and Pensions on 14th May 2021(**a**);

"relevant activities" means activities carried out by authorities in connection with administering the HBAAI.

Additional amount: relevant year beginning with 1st April 2021

2. The additional amount of subsidy for an authority for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2021 is the amount (if any) specified for that authority in the following Housing Benefit Circulars published by the Department for Work and Pensions—

(a) HB S8/2021 (revised), first published on 27th April 2021 and updated on 16th July 2021(**b**);

(b) HB S9/2021, first published on 23rd July 2021(**c**);

(c) HB S11/2021, first published on 22nd October 2021(**d**).

Use of amount paid under paragraph 2

3. An authority must use any additional amount received under paragraph 2 in connection with relevant activities."

(**a**) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-adjudication-circulars-2021/a62021-housing-benefit-award-accuracy-initiative-for-the-financial-year-ending-march-2022. The first publication date of Housing Benefit Circulars published in 2021 can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-adjudication-circulars-2021#full-publication-update-history and clicking on the "+ show all updates" link to show the update history.

(**b**) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-subsidy-circulars-2021/s82021-housing-benefit-award-accuracy-initiative-funding-for-financial-year-ending-march-2022-for-las-participating-from-6-april-2021.

(**c**) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-subsidy-circulars-2021/s92021-housing-benefit-award-accuracy-initiative-funding-for-financial-year-ending-march-2022-for-local-authorities-participating-from-5-july-2021.

(**d**) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-subsidy-circulars-2021/s112021-housing-benefit-award-accuracy-initiative-funding-for-financial-year-ending-march-2022-for-local-authorities-participating-from-4-october-20.

SCHEDULE 4

Article 7

Substitution of Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order

"SCHEDULE 4A

Article 20A

Rent Rebate Limitation Deductions (Housing Revenue Account Dwellings): Authorities in Wales

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule—

"HRA" means the Housing Revenue Account of the authority the amount of whose subsidy is under consideration;

"rent", in relation to a dwelling, means the total of the payments in respect of the dwelling specified in regulation 12(1) of the Housing Benefit Regulations or, as the case may be, regulation 12(1) of the Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit) Regulations, other than a payment specified in regulation 12(1)(e).

Liability to deduction

2.—(1) This paragraph applies in relation to the relevant year if—

(a) the authority is specified in the Table in paragraph 4 for that year, and

(b) O + P is less than Q where—

O is the amount specified in column 1 of that Table for the authority;

P is the guideline rent increase specified in column 2 of that Table for the authority;

Q is the average weekly rent for a dwelling for the authority for the relevant year.

(2) For the purposes of determining Q in sub-paragraph (1)(b), the average weekly rent for a dwelling for the authority for the relevant year is calculated by dividing the total rent charged for all dwellings in the HRA in that year by the total number of weeks for which rent was charged for all dwellings in the HRA, disregarding any unoccupied dwelling.

Amount of deduction

3.—(1) The amount of the deduction from subsidy referred to in article 20A(2) is to be calculated as follows—

Step 1

Divide the amount of rebates granted by the authority in the relevant year in respect of dwellings in the HRA by the income of the authority for that year from rent (including rent remitted by way of rebate) in respect of such dwellings.

Step 2

If the result of Step 1—

(a) does not exceed the rebate proportion for the relevant year (see sub-paragraph (2))—

(i) deduct (O + P) from Q (see paragraph 2);

(ii) divide the result of paragraph (a)(i) by Q;

(iii) multiply the amount of the subsidy (apart from any deduction to be calculated under this Schedule) by the result of paragraph (a)(ii));

(b) exceeds the rebate proportion for the relevant year—

(i) deduct (O + P) from Q (see paragraph 2);

(ii) divide the result of paragraph (b)(i) by Q;

(iii) divide the rebate proportion (see sub-paragraph (2)) by the result of Step 1;

(iv) multiply the result of paragraph (b)(ii) by the result of paragraph (b)(iii);

(v) multiply the amount of the subsidy (apart from any deduction to be calculated under this Schedule) by the result of paragraph (b)(iv).

(2) The rebate proportion for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2022 is 0.528.

Amounts for the purposes of paragraph 2

4. The amounts for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2022 for the purposes of paragraph 2 are as follows—

Local authority	*(1) Specified amount "O" (£)*	*(2) Guideline rent increase "P" (£)*
Caerphilly County Borough Council	101.42	3.14
Cardiff City Council	114.24	3.54
Carmarthenshire County Council	100.60	3.12
Denbighshire County Council	100.88	3.59
Flintshire County Council	104.52	5.04
Isle of Anglesey County Council	100.10	4.99
Pembrokeshire County Council	103.60	3.42
Powys County Council	104.19	3.23
Swansea City Council	101.62	3.15
Vale of Glamorgan Council	112.09	5.15
Wrexham Council	103.33	4.49"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/562) ("the 1998 Order") which provides for the calculation and payment of housing benefit subsidy to local authorities in England, Wales and Scotland which administer housing benefit. Section 140F(2) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5) ("the Act") authorises the making, revocation or varying of an Order before, during or after the year to which it relates.

Article 3 updates the definition of "HBAP" in article 2 of the 1998 Order to refer to the appropriate version of the Housing Benefit Assurance Process, published on 31st March 2022.

Article 4 and Schedule 1 substitute Schedule 1 to the 1998 Order which prescribes the sums to be used in the calculation of subsidy for the year beginning with 1st April 2021.

Article 5 and Schedule 2 substitute Schedule 1ZB to the 1998 Order, which prescribes a system for the making of additional payments of subsidy to authorities administering alerts relating to the earnings and pension entitlement of claimants for housing benefit. Substituted paragraph 2 of that Schedule has effect for the purposes of determining additional amounts of subsidy payable for the year beginning with 1st April 2022. The amounts were notified by the Secretary of State to local authorities on 17th June 2022.

Article 6 and Schedule 3 substitute Schedule 1ZC to the 1998 Order. This updates the definition of "HBAAI" in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1ZC to the 1998 Order to refer to the most recent version of the Housing Benefit Award Accuracy Initiative, published on 14th May 2021. Substituted paragraph 2 of that Schedule prescribes a system for the making of additional payments of subsidy to authorities verifying the accuracy of information held in respect of the household, income and capital, and general financial circumstances of claimants for housing benefit. It has effect for the

purposes of determining additional amounts of subsidy payable for the year beginning with 1st April 2021. The amounts were notified by the Secretary of State to local authorities on 22nd October 2021.

Article 7 and Schedule 4 substitute Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order. This has effect for the purposes of determining subsidy payable for the year beginning with 1st April 2022 for authorities in Wales. The substituted Schedule updates the rebate proportion figure for 2022/2023 to 0.528 and sets out revised specified amounts "O" and guideline rent increases "P" used when calculating deductions from subsidy under paragraph 2 of substituted Schedule.

Hard copies of the circulars referenced in this Order are available by writing to the Department for Work and Pensions, Local Authority Partnership, Engagement and Delivery Division, Room B120D, Warbreck House, Warbreck Hill, Blackpool, FY2 0YE or by emailing lawelfare.lafunding@dwp.gov.uk.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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