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The Rate Product (Passenger Transport Authorities) Rules 1970

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The Minister of Housing and Local Government, after consultation with the local authority and the associations of local authorities with whom consultation appeared to him desirable, in exercise of his powers under section 113 of the General Rate Act 1967(**a**), as extended by section 13(5) of the Transport Act 1968(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following rules :—

Title and commencement

1. These rules may be cited as the Rate Product (Passenger Transport Authorities) Rules and shall come into operation on 5th February 1970.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these rules—

"appropriate factor" has the meaning ascribed by rule 4 of these rules ;

"authority" means the council of a constituent area ;

"constituent area" means a constituent area of a designated area within the meaning of section 9(1) of the Transport Act 1968 ;

"Minister" means the Minister of Housing and Local Government ;

"relevant year" means a year in respect of which a rate product is being ascertained ;

"year" means a period of twelve months beginning with 1st April ;

"year following" means the year immediately following a relevant year.

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

Precepts under section 13 *of Transport Act* 1968

3. For the purposes of section 13(2) of the Transport Act 1968 (which section empowers Passenger Transport Authorities constituted under that Act to issue precepts) the product of a rate of one penny in the pound for any constituent area shall be determined by—

(*a*) ascertaining the product of a rate of one penny in the pound for that area in the manner provided in the Schedule to the Rate Product Rules 1968(**d**) ; and

(*b*) multiplying the resulting product by the appropriate factor.

(**a**) 1967 c. 9.
(**b**) 1968 c. 73.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1968/491 (1968 I, p. 1202).

Definition of the appropriate factor

4. For the purposes of these rules the appropriate factor for a relevant year shall be the number as last notified to the authority by the Minister in the year following with his notification of the amount (or estimated amount) of the resources element of rate support grant payable for the relevant year, the said number being—

(*a*) in the case of an authority not qualifying for a payment of the resources element for the relevant year (or not appearing to the Minister so to qualify when he estimates and notifies to the authority the amount of that element payable for the relevant year), one; and

(*b*) in the case of an authority qualifying for such a payment (or appearing to the Minister so to qualify when he estimates and notifies as aforesaid) the number produced by dividing the amount (or estimated amount) of the expenditure of the authority for the relevant year for the purposes of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 1966(**a**) by the difference between that amount (or estimated amount) and the amount (or estimated amount) of the resources element payable to the authority for the relevant year.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government on 21st January 1970.

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Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules prescribe the manner in which the product of a rate of one penny in the pound is to be determined for purposes of precepts issued by Passenger Transport Authorities upon their constituent authorities. This product is determined by (i) taking the product of a rate of one penny in the pound for the area of the authority as ascertained by the standard method prescribed in the Rate Product Rules 1968 and (ii) multiplying the result by the appropriate factor. This factor is a ratio which reflects any increase in the authority's rate resources arising from their entitlement to a payment of the resources element of rate support grant.

(**a**) 1966 c. 42.

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