1981 No. 327

RATES

Rate Rebate (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . 9th October 1981

Coming into operation . . . 23rd November 1981

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 28 of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 23rd November 1981.

(2) In this Order "the Rate Rebate Scheme" means the scheme set out in the Schedule to the Rate Rebate Order (Northern Ireland) 1981(**b**).

Needs allowances

2.—(1) For paragraph 5 of the Rate Rebate Scheme there shall be substituted:—

"**5.**—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the needs allowance for each week is:

(*a*) for an individual person who has no dependent children ... £37.35

(*b*) for a married couple ... £55.60

(*c*) for an individual person who has a dependent child or children ... £55.60

(*d*) for each dependent child of a residential occupier or his spouse ... £10.35

(2) The needs allowance for each week is:

(*a*) for an individual person who has no dependent children and who is registered in pursuance of arrangements made under Articles 4(*b*) and 15 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**c**) (Welfare arrangements for handicapped persons) ... £41.65

(*b*) for a married couple, one of whom is so registered ... £59.90

(*c*) for an individual person who is so registered and who has a dependent child or children ... £59.90

(*d*) for a married couple, both of whom are so registered ... £62.00."

Income of residential occupier

3.—(1) For paragraph 6(2)(*b*) of the Rate Rebate Scheme there shall be substituted:—

"(*b*) the first £15.25 of the earnings of an applicant and in the case of a married couple the first £15.25 of the earnings of the applicant and the first £5.00 of the earnings of the applicant's spouse.".

(**a**) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28)
(**b**) S.R. 1981 No. 42
(**c**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

Deduction for non-dependants

4.—(1) For paragraph 10(1) of the Rate Rebate Scheme there shall be substituted:—

"(1) The deductions from a rebate in respect of non-dependants are for each week:—

(*a*) for each person aged 18 years or more, but under 21 years and neither undergoing full-time instruction at an educational establishment nor in receipt of supplementary benefit ... £0.80

(*b*) for each person aged 21 years or more, but under pensionable age and neither undergoing full-time instruction at an educational establishment nor in receipt of supplementary benefit ... £1.20

(*c*) for each person in receipt of supplementary benefit ... £0.50

(*d*) for each person of pensionable age not in receipt of supplementary benefit, except in the case mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(*e*) ... £0.50

(*e*) for a married couple, both of pensionable age and not in receipt of supplementary benefit ... £0.50.".

Maximum rebate

5.—(1) For paragraph 12(2) of the Rate Rebate Scheme there shall be substituted:—

"(2) For the purposes of this scheme the maximum weekly rebate shall be £5.50."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 9th October 1981.

(L.S.) *R. McMurray*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases, with effect from 23rd November 1981, the scale of needs allowances to be applied in assessing applications for rate rebates and increases the deductions for non-dependent persons in the household.

It provides that the first £15.25 of earned income of the applicant and also the first £5.00 of earned income of the applicant's spouse are disregarded and increases the maximum weekly rebate from £4.80 to £5.50.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.