STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 1500

RATING AND VALUATION

The Rate Rebate (Amendment) Regulations 1977

Made - - - -	*7th September* 1977
Laid before Parliament	*9th September* 1977
Coming into Operation—	
Regulations 1, 2 *and* 5	*30th September* 1977
Remainder - - -	*14th November* 1977

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 11(1) of the Local Government Act 1974(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the consent of the Treasury, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Regulations 1977.

(2) Regulations 1, 2 and 5 shall come into operation on 30th September 1977 and the remaining regulations shall come into operation on 14th November 1977.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Rate Rebate Regulations 1974(**c**).

(3) References in these regulations to "the principal regulations" shall be construed as references to those regulations as amended(**d**).

3. The provisions of regulation 4 below shall have effect in relation to any week in a rebate period being a week commencing after 13th November 1977.

4. For regulation 7 of the principal regulations (which determines the needs allowance for a residential occupier and any spouse or dependent children of his for the purpose of calculating his entitlement to a rate rebate) there shall be substituted the following:—

"*Needs allowance*

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the needs allowance for each week is—

(*a*) for an individual person who has no dependent children £25.25

(**a**) 1974 c. 7. (**b**) 1889 c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1974/411 (1974 I, p. 1294).
(**d**) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1975/1450, 1976/1458 (1975 III, p. 4849; 1976 III, p. 3952).

(*b*) for a married couple £36.25

(*c*) for an individual person who has a dependent child or children £36.25

(*d*) for each dependent child of a residential occupier or his spouse £6.10

(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 section 29(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948(**a**) (welfare arrangements for handicapped persons) £27.85

(*b*) for a married couple one of whom is so registered £38.85

(*c*) for an individual person who is so registered and who has a dependent child or children £38.85

(*d*) for a married couple both of whom are so registered £40.35".

5. For regulation 19(4) of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

"(4) A rating authority may determine in respect of any rebate period subsisting on 30th September 1977 which would otherwise end before 13th November 1977 that it shall continue to such date before 14th November 1977 as they shall determine.".

Peter Shore,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

6th September 1977.

We consent.

David Stoddart,
T. E. Graham,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

7th September 1977.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the statutory rate rebate scheme provided in the Rate Rebate Regulations 1974.

The amount of rebate to which a residential occupier may be entitled is calculated in part by reference to amounts allowed for his needs and the needs of his spouse and dependent children (the needs allowance).

The Regulations provide for increases in the needs allowances for any week in a rebate period beginning after 13th November 1977.

The Regulations also enable a rating authority to determine that a rate rebate period existing on 30th September 1977 shall continue to a date before 14th November 1977 which they are to determine.

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