STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 417

RATING AND VALUATION

The Rate Rebate (Amendment) Regulations 1979

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Coming into Operation	*26th April* 1979

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. These regulations may be cited as the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Regulations 1979 and shall come into operation on 26th April 1979.

2. In these regulations "the principal regulations" mean the Rate Rebate Regulations 1978(**b**).

3. Regulation 19 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) for the words "and (3)" there shall be substituted the words ", (3) and (3A);

(*b*) after paragraph (3) there shall be added the following new paragraph:—

"(3A) Where a rebate is granted in consequence of regulation 27(3A) below, the rebate period shall commence at the beginning of the relevant period.".

4. Regulation 27 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) after "(3)" there shall be inserted "and, 3A";

(*b*) after paragraph (3) there shall be inserted the following new paragraph:—

"(3A) A rate rebate shall be granted to a residential occupier who is in receipt of supplementary benefit if during a period beginning on the first day of the month twelve months prior to the date of his application for a rate rebate or such later date on which he first received supplementary benefit and ending on the date on which he ceases to receive supplementary benefit (hereinafter referred to as the "relevant period")—

(*a*) he will have been in continuous receipt of supplementary benefit and

(**a**) 1974 c. 7. (**b**) S.I. 1978/1504.

(*b*) in relation to him X is less than Y where—

X represents the amount of supplementary benefit paid or payable to him in respect of the relevant period and

Y represents the total of—

(i) the amount of rate rebate, and

(ii) the amount of any rent rebate or rent allowance under Part II of the Housing Finance Act 1972(**a**) as amended by the Furnished Lettings (Rent Allowances) Act 1973(**b**)

which he would have received in the relevant period had he not been in receipt of supplementary benefit and had the grant of such rebates or allowances commenced at the beginning of the said period.".

Peter Shore,
Secretary of State
for the Environment.

30th March 1979.

We consent

J. Dormand,
Alf Bates,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
to Her Majesty's Treasury.

2nd April 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the statutory rate rebate scheme provided in the Rate Rebate Regulations 1978.

They enable the grant of a rate rebate from the beginning of the period mentioned below, to a residential occupier who is in receipt of supplementary benefit if he will have received less payment in supplementary benefit than he would otherwise have received in rate rebate and any rent rebate or allowance during the period from twelve months prior to the date of his application for a rebate or such later date on which he receives supplementary benefit to the date when he ceases to receive supplementary benefit.

(**a**) 1972 c. 47. (**b**) 1973 c. 6.

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