1968 No. 1066

RATING AND VALUATION

The Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) Order 1968

Laid before Parliament in Draft

Made - - - - *5th July* 1968

Coming into Operation *1st August* 1968

The Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under paragraph 14 of Schedule 9 to the General Rate Act 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following order in the terms of a draft which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1968.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Limits of income

2.—(1) The limit of income for the purposes of section 49(1)(*b*) of the General Rate Act 1967 shall, in relation to any rebate application in respect of the period beginning on 1st October 1968 and subsequent rebate periods, be the following amount of income, in place of the amount specified in paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 to that Act, namely—

(*a*) if at the date of making of the application the applicant is married and living with his spouse, £286 ;

(*b*) in any other case, £234.

(2) In place of the amount specified in paragraph 13 of the said schedule, the appropriate limit specified in the said paragraph 12 (as varied by the preceding paragraph of this article) shall be increased by £52 for any child, or for each of any children, who at the date of the making of the application, being a child of the applicant or in the applicant's care, usually resides with the applicant.

(a) 1967 c. 9. (b) 1889 c. 63.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government on 5th July 1968.

(L.S.) *Anthony Greenwood,*
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

We approve this order.

J. McCann,
B. K. O'Malley,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

5th July 1968.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Order raises the income limits governing entitlement to rate rebates in England and Wales. Under section 49 of the General Rate Act 1967 domestic occupiers are entitled to a rebate equal to two thirds of the amount by which their reckonable rates for a six months rebate period exceed £3 15s. 0d. provided their incomes are within the specified limits. These limits are at present £260 for a married couple or £208 for a single person over the relevant six months period (equal on average to £10 a week or £8 a week respectively) increased by £39 (30s. a week) for each child resident with the applicant. The Order increases these limits to £286 (£11 a week) for a married couple and £234 (£9 a week) for a single person, increased by £52 (£2 a week) for each child.