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RATING AND VALUATION

The Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) Order 1972

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - *27th January* 1972

Coming into Operation *1st February* 1972

The Secretary of State for the Environment, 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 :—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1972.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for 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 April 1972 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 as varied by the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) Order 1968(**c**) and the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) Order 1970(**d**), namely—

(*a*) if at the date of making of the application the applicant is married and living with his spouse, £383·50 ;

(*b*) in any other case, £312.

(**a**) 1967 c. 9.
(**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1968/1066 (1968 II, p. 2870).
(**d**) S.I. 1970/847 (1970 II, p. 2703).

(2) The appropriate limit specified in paragraph 12 of the said Schedule 9 (as varied by the first-mentioned order) shall be increased by £65 for any child, or 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, that amount being in place of the amount specified in paragraph 13 of the said Schedule.

Peter Walker,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

26th January 1972.

We approve this order,

P. L. Hawkins,
Keith Speed,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

27th January 1972.

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 £3·75 provided their incomes are within the specified limits. The present limits of income within the relevant six months period, and the limits as raised by this Order, are set out below, with the weekly equivalents given in brackets.

	Present limits		New limits	
Married couple	£318·50	(£12·25)	£383·50	(£14·75)
Single person	£260	(£10)	£312	(£12)
Addition for each child	£52	(£2)	£65	(£2·50)

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