STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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RATING AND VALUATION

The Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) (Scotland) Order 1970

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 26*th February* 1970

Coming into Operation 16*th March* 1970

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 7(6) of the Rating Act 1966(**a**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make 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) (Scotland) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on 16th March 1970.

(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.

Limit of Income

2.—(1) The limit of income for the purposes of section 5(1)(*b*) of the Rating Act 1966 shall, in relation to any rebate applications in respect of a period beginning on 16th May 1970, 29th May 1970, or 1st June 1970 as the case may be, or any subsequent rebate period, be the following amount of income in place of the amount specified in section 7(4) of that Act as varied by article 2(1) of the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) (Scotland) Order 1968(**c**) namely :—

(*a*) if at the date of the making of the application the applicant is married and living with his spouse, £318 10s. 0d. ;

(*b*) in any other case, £260.

(2) In place of the amount specified in section 7(5) of the said Act, the appropriate limit specified in section 7(4) thereof (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) 1966 c. 9. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1968/1079 (1968 II, p. 2911).

3. The Rate Rebates (Limits of Incomes) (Scotland) Order 1968 is hereby revoked.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

25th February 1970.

We approve.

Joseph Harper,
Ernest Armstrong,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

26th February 1970.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Order raises the income limits governing entitlement to rate rebates in Scotland. Under section 5 of the Rating Act 1966 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 £286 for a married couple or £234 for a single person over the relevant six months period (equal on average to £11 a week or £9 a week respectively) increased by £52 (£2 a week) for each child resident with the applicant. The order increases these limits to £318 10s. 0d. (£12 5s. 0d. a week) for a married couple and £260 (£10 a week) for a single person, and retains unaltered the £52 (£2 a week) increase for each child.

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