STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1517 (S.113)

HOUSING, SCOTLAND

The Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1973

Made - - - -	*28th August* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*6th September* 1973
Coming into Operation	*27th September* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 17(2) of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972**(a)** and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and having consulted with such associations of local authorities as appear to me to be concerned, I hereby, with the consent of the Treasury, make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 and shall come into operation on 27th September 1973.

2.—(1) In these regulations:—

"the Act" means the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972;

"the principal regulations" means the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1973**(b)**.

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

3. In relation to any week in a rebate period or allowance period, being a week commencing after 27th September 1973, the following sub-paragraphs shall be substituted for sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to the Act, as amended by regulation 3 of the principal regulations:—

"(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the needs allowance for each week is—

(*a*) for an individual person who has no dependent children	£15·50;
(*b*) for a married couple	£20·75;
(*c*) for an individual person who has a dependent child or children	£20·75;
(*d*) for each dependent child of a tenant or his spouse ...	£3·00.

(a) 1972 c. 46.
(b) S.I. 1973/546 (1973 I, p. 1736).
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(2) The needs allowance for each week is—

(*a*) for an individual person who has no dependent children and who is a chronically sick or disabled person ... ... £16·75;

(*b*) for a married couple, one of whom is a chronically sick or disabled person ... ... £22·00;

(*c*) for an individual person who is a chronically sick or disabled person and who has a dependent child or children £22·00;

(*d*) for a married couple, both of whom are chronically sick or disabled persons ... ... £22·75."

4. In paragraph 4(2)(*b*) of Schedule 3 to the Act, as amended by regulation 5 of the principal regulations, for the words "September or October 1972" there shall be substituted the words "February or March 1973".

Gordon Campbell,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

20th August 1973.

We consent.

Tim Fortescue,
Oscar Murton,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

28th August 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

Paragraphs 8(1) and (2) of Schedule 2 to the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972 specify the needs allowances by reference to which entitlement to rent rebates and allowances is calculated. The amounts of the needs allowances were increased by Regulation 3 of the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1973.

These Regulations make further increases in the needs allowances in relation to any week of a rebate period or allowance period, being a week commencing after 27th September 1973. The Regulations also make a drafting amendment to paragraph 4(2)(*b*) of Schedule 3 to the Act of 1972 which would allow local authorities to extend by two months the rebate or allowance period of six months where the period commenced during February or March 1973.

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