

1975 No. 42

RATES

Rate Rebate (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made 3rd March 1975

Coming into operation 1st April 1975

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 28A of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) (as set out in section 3 of the Financial Provisions Measure (Northern Ireland) 1974(b)) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1975.

(2) In this Order “the Rate Rebate Scheme” means the scheme set out in the Schedule to the Rate Rebate Order (Northern Ireland) 1974(c) as amended by the Rates (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974(d).

Amendment of needs allowances

2.—(1) For paragraph 5 of the Rate Rebate Scheme there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

“5.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the needs allowance for each week is:

(a) for an individual person who has no dependent children	£19.35
(b) for a married couple	£26.75
(c) for an individual person who has a dependent child or children	£26.75
(d) for each dependent child of a residential occupier or his spouse	£4.05

(2) The needs allowance for each week is:

(a) for an individual person who has no dependent children and who is registered in pursuance of arrangements made under Articles 4(b) and 15 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(e) (welfare arrangements for handicapped persons)	£20.85
(b) for a married couple, one of whom is so registered ...	£28.25
(c) for an individual person who is so registered and who has a dependent child or children	£28.25
(d) for a married couple, both of whom are so registered	£29.15”

(a) S.I. 1972/1633 (N.I. 16)

(b) 1974 c. 2 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 1974 No. 65

(d) S.R. 1974 No. 200

(e) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(2) Article 2 of the Rates (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (which substituted the said paragraph 5) is hereby revoked.

Income of residential occupier

3. For sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 6 of the Rate Rebate Scheme there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:

“(4) If the residential occupier and any spouse of the residential occupier have between them £1,200 or more in liquid cash resources, the weekly income shall be treated as increased by a notional sum equal to 0.1% of the excess over £1,200.”.

Maximum rebate

4. For sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 12 of the Rate Rebate Scheme there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:

“(2) For the purposes of this scheme the maximum weekly rebate shall be £2.50.”.

Rebate period

5. In paragraph 17 of the Rate Rebate Scheme for sub-paragraph (1)(b) there shall be substituted:

“(b) subject to sub-paragraph (2) in all other cases where a rebate is first granted, on the first day of the month in which the application is received, but where an application is received after the month of April the Department may, if in its opinion the circumstances are exceptional, allow the rebate period to begin on 1st April in the year the application was received or on such date after 1st April in that year, but before the beginning of the month in which the application was received, as the Department may determine.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 3rd March 1975.

(L.S.)

J. Y. Malley

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order revises, with effect from 1st April 1975, the scale of needs allowances to be applied in assessing applications for rate rebates. It increases to £1,200 the amount of liquid cash resources which may be held without incurring a reduction of rebate and increases to £2.50 the maximum rebate permitted. It also enables the Department of Finance, where it considers there are exceptional circumstances, to commence a rebate period before the beginning of the month in which the application is received.