

1983 No. 88

HOUSING

**Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1983**

Made 22nd April 1983

Coming into operation 1st June 1983

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

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Articles 73, 75, 78 and 80 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Order") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1983.

Revocation and transitional provisions

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981(b), the Housing (Improvement Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(c) and the Housing (Improvement Grants) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(d) are hereby revoked.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall affect any obligation of the Executive to pay an improvement, intermediate or repairs grant where it has approved an application for such a grant before the coming into operation of this Order as if the Orders mentioned in paragraph (1) had not been revoked.

Application

3. This Order shall apply to an improvement, intermediate or repairs grant approved after the date of coming into operation of this Order.

Eligible expense limits for improvement grants

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the amounts of £6,600 and £7,700 are hereby specified for the purposes of Article 73(3)(a) and (b) respectively of the Order.

(2) The amounts of £10,200 and £11,800 are hereby specified for the purposes of Article 73(3)(a) and (b) respectively of the Order in relation to any house which, on the date the application for the grant is approved, is covered by one or more of the following descriptions:—

- (a) it is in a housing action area;
- (b) it is unfit for human habitation and the relevant works consist of or include works which if executed would contribute towards rendering the house fit for human habitation;

(a) S.I. 1981/156 (N.I. 3)
(b) S.R. 1981 No. 74
(c) S.R. 1982 No. 17
(d) S.R. 1982 No. 164

- (c) (i) it lacks, or is to be provided by the conversion of a house which lacks, one or more of the standard amenities,
- (ii) the relevant works consist or of include the provision of a standard amenity which is lacking, and
- (iii) the Executive is satisfied that the standard amenity which is to be provided, or, where more than one such amenity is to be provided, each of them, has been lacking for a period of not less than 12 months, ending on the date on which the application was made.
- (d) it is a house for a disabled occupant and the relevant works consist of or include works needed to meet a requirement arising from the particular disability from which that person suffers;
- (e) it is in need of works of repair of a substantial and structural character and the relevant works consist of or include such works.

(3) In paragraph (2) a reference to a house includes a reference to a house which is to be provided by the conversion of a house.

Eligible expense limits for intermediate and repairs grants

5. The amounts of £3,000 and £4,800 are hereby specified for the purposes of Article 78(3)(a) and Article 80(3) respectively of the Order.

Standard amenities

6. Schedule 5 to the Order is hereby varied by substituting for Part I thereof the following:

“PART I

List of Amenities and Maximum Eligible Amounts

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description of Amenity</i>	<i>Maximum eligible amount</i> £
1	A fixed bath or shower	340
2	A hot and cold water supply at a fixed bath or shower	430
3	A wash-hand basin	130
4	A hot and cold water supply at a wash-hand basin	230
5	A sink	340
6	A hot and cold water supply at a sink	290
7	A water closet	515”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 22nd April 1983.

(L.S.)

E. A. Simpson

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order consolidates, with amendments, the provisions of the Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981, the Housing (Improvement Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982 and the Housing (Improvement Grants) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982. It increases by 20% in some cases and approximately that percentage in the remainder the limits of eligible expense for improvement, intermediate and repairs grants and the maximum eligible amounts for individual standard amenities payable by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive under Part IV Chapter 1 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

The Orders consolidated by this Order are revoked and this Order makes transitional provisions in respect of applications for improvement, intermediate and repairs grants approved before the date of coming into operation of this Order.

In relation to improvement grants there are two limits of eligible expense, the higher being prescribed where the premises are in a housing action area, are unfit for human habitation, lack one or more standard amenities (subject to certain conditions), are being improved to facilitate occupation by a disabled occupant, or are in need of substantial and structural repair.

1983 No. 89**Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983**

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.

1983 No. 90**Road Races (Spelga Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983**

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