

# General Rate Act 1967

## **1967 CHAPTER 9**

#### **PART V**

#### VALUATION LISTS

Supplementary provisions

## 93 Membership of local authority etc. not to be disqualification in certain cases.

- (1) A person shall not be disqualified to act as a member, or as the clerk or an officer, of a local valuation panel or local valuation court by reason only that he is—
  - (a) a member of an authority deriving revenue directly or indirectly from rates which may be affected by the exercise of his functions; or
  - (b) the owner or occupier of any property within any rating area the rates within which are affected by the exercise of his functions,

and a person shall not be disqualified from acting as aforesaid in relation to any property by reason only that an authority of which he is a member either own or occupy the whole or any part of that property.

- (2) A person shall not be disqualified to act as a valuation officer or deputy valuation officer by reason only that he is the owner or occupier of any property within any rating area the rates within which are affected by the exercise of his functions.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall authorise any person to whom this section applies to act in relation to any property which, or any part of which, he himself owns or occupies.

# 94 Use of public rooms.

(1) The valuation officer may request the permission of any authority (being a county council, the Greater London Council or a rating authority) the whole or any part of whose area is within the area for which the officer acts for the use by him and his staff on such days or for such periods as may be specified in the request of such

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premises belonging to the authority as may be so specified, and the authority shall not unreasonably withhold their permission.

- (2) The chairman of any local valuation panel may request the permission of any such authority as aforesaid the whole or any part of whose area is within the area for which the panel acts for the use for meetings of the panel or any local valuation court constituted from the members of the panel, or for the use of the chairman, clerk or officers of the panel, on such days as may be specified in the request of any premises belonging to the authority, and the authority shall not unreasonably withhold their permission.
- (3) Any person having the control of any room maintained out of any rate may put that room at the disposal of the valuation officer or any local valuation panel or local valuation court for the purpose of the exercise by them or their officers, or, in the case of a panel, by the chairman thereof, of any functions directly or indirectly affecting the valuation list by reference to which that rate is levied.
- (4) Where a request is made under subsection (1) or (2) of this section, any dispute as to whether the permission of the authority in question has been unreasonably withheld shall be determined by the Minister.

# 95 Remuneration and expenses of valuation officers.

The remuneration of, and any expenses incurred by, valuation officers in carrying out their functions under this Part of this Act, including the remuneration and expenses of persons, whether in the service of the Crown or not, employed to assist valuation officers in the exercise of those functions, shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.