

1973 No. 197 (S.7)

RATING AND VALUATION

The Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) (Scotland) Order 1973

*Laid before Parliament in draft**Made* - - - - *7th February 1973**Coming into Operation* *16th March 1973*

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, and 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 1973 and shall come into operation on 16th March 1973.

(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.

Limits 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 1973, 29th May 1973 or 1st June 1973 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 1970(c) and article 2(1) of the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) (Scotland) Order 1972(d) namely:—

(a) if at the date of the making of the application the applicant is married and living with his spouse, £429.

(b) in any other case £351.

(a) 1966 c. 9.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1970/336 (1970 I, p. 1223).

(d) S.I. 1972/112 (1972 I, p. 290).

(2) In place of the amount specified in section 7(5) of the said Act as varied by article 2(2) of the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) (Scotland) Order 1970 and article 2(2) of the Rate Rebates (Limits of Income) (Scotland) Order 1972 the appropriate limit specified in section 7(4) thereof (as varied by the preceding paragraph of this article) shall be increased by £71.50 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.

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

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

6th February 1973.

We approve.

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

7th February 1973.

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 £3.75 provided their incomes are within the specified limits. These limits are at present £383.50 for a married couple or £312 for a single person over the relevant six months period (equal on average to £14.75 a week or £12 a week respectively) increased by £65 (£2.50 a week) for each child resident with the applicant. The Order increases these limits to £429 (£16.50 a week) for a married couple and £351 (£13.50 a week) for a single person, increased by £71.50 (£2.75 a week) for each child.

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