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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 2547**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Local Government Changes (Rent  
Act Registration Areas) Order 1996**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th October 1996</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>15th October 1996</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 1997</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 17 and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup> and of all powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order—

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Government Changes (Rent Act Registration Areas) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1997.

**Amendment of registration areas**

2. For the purposes of Part IV of the Rent Act 1977 (registration of rents under regulated tenancies)<sup>(2)</sup> there shall be—

- (a) the Bedfordshire registration area comprising the counties<sup>(3)</sup> of Bedfordshire and Luton;
- (b) the Buckinghamshire registration area comprising the counties<sup>(4)</sup> of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes;
- (c) the Derbyshire registration area comprising the counties<sup>(5)</sup> of Derbyshire and Derby;
- (d) the Dorset registration area comprising the counties<sup>(6)</sup> of—
  - (i) Bournemouth;
  - (ii) Dorset; and
  - (iii) Poole;

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(1) 1992 c. 19 and *see* regulation 3 of the Local Government Changes (Rent Act) Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/2451).  
(2) 1977 c. 42.  
(3) S.I. 1995/1776.  
(4) S.I. 1995/1769.  
(5) S.I. 1995/1773.  
(6) S.I. 1995/1771.

- (e) the Durham registration area comprising the counties(7) of Darlington and Durham;
- (f) the East Sussex registration area comprising the counties(8) of Brighton and Hove and East Sussex;
- (g) the Hampshire registration area comprising the counties(9) of—
  - (i) Hampshire;
  - (ii) Portsmouth; and
  - (iii) Southampton;
- (h) the Leicestershire registration area comprising the counties(10) of—
  - (i) Leicestershire;
  - (ii) Leicester; and
  - (iii) Rutland;
- (i) the Staffordshire registration area comprising the counties(11) of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent;
- (j) the Wiltshire registration area comprising the counties(12) of Thamesdown and Wiltshire.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Department of the Environment  
7th October 1996

*David Curry*  
Minister of State,

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(7) S.I. 1995/1772.  
(8) S.I. 1995/1770.  
(9) S.I. 1995/1775.  
(10) S.I. 1996/507.  
(11) S.I. 1995/1779.  
(12) S.I. 1995/1774.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Registration areas are the organisational units for the rent officer service and rent assessment committees. Section 62 of the Rent Act 1977 provides that registration areas for the purposes of Part IV (Registration of Rent Under Regulated Tenancies) of that Act outside London are counties. Article 2 of this Order redefines the registration areas named in that article, as a consequence of the reorganisation of the counties named in that article under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1992.