STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3245

RATING AND VALUATION

The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 140(4) and 143(1) and (2) of, and paragraphs 4 and 6 of Schedule 8 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1988(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 31st December 1996.

Amendment of the 1992 Regulations

2. Schedules 1 and 2 to the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) Regulations 1992(2) are amended in accordance with the following regulations.

Rules for calculation of contributions

- 3.—(1) In relation to financial years beginning on or after 1st April 1997, in Schedule 1—
 - (a) in paragraph 1(4), for "1996" there is substituted "1997";
 - (b) in paragraph 4(4), for "1996 is £76,867,000" there is substituted "1997 is £77,751,000";
 - (c) for the Table in Part II there is substituted—

^{(1) 1988} c. 41; section 140 and section 143 were amended by paragraph 69 and paragraph 72 of Schedule 5 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42, "the 1989 Act"), and paragraphs 4 and 6 of Schedule 8 were amended by paragraph 42 of Schedule 5 to the 1989 Act and by paragraph 6 of Schedule 10 and by paragraph 86 of Schedule 13 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14).

⁽²⁾ S.I.1992/3082; relevant amendments were made by S.I. 1993/1496, S.I. 1993/3082, S.I. 1994/1431, S.I. 1994/3054, S.I. 1994/3139 and S.I. 1995/3181.

"COST FACTORS

Name or description of authority	Cost factor
The councils of the districts of Broxbourne, Dartford, Elmbridge, Epping Forest, Epsom and Ewell, Hertsmere, Reigate and Banstead, Slough, South Bucks, Spelthorne, Three Rivers and Watford	1.1369
The councils of the districts of Basildon, Bracknell Forest, Brentwood, Chiltern, Crawley, Dacorum, East Hertfordshire, Guildford, Harlow, Mole Valley, Runnymede, St Albans, Sevenoaks, Surrey Heath, Tandridge, Thurrock, Waverley, Welwyn Hatfield, Windsor and Maidenhead and Woking	1.1010
The council of a district other than a district named above which falls within the county of Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Oxfordshire or West Sussex	1.0405
The council of a district other than a district named, or falling within a description given, above	1.0
The council of an inner London borough	1.2239
The council of an outer London borough	1.1156
The Common Council of the City of London	1.5493
The Council of the Isles of Scilly	1.0
The council of a county which has the functions of a district council	1.0405".

- (2) In relation to the financial year beginning on 1st April 1997, paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 has effect as if—
 - (a) at the end of the formula there were inserted "+P", and
 - (b) at the end there were added—

"P is the amount of the reasonable costs, if any, incurred by the authority in respect of changes to their computer programs to give effect to the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts for Small Hereditaments) Regulations 1996(3), provided that, if the amount of such costs exceeds £3,000, P is £3,000.";

Assumptions relating to provisional amounts

- 4. In relation to financial years beginning on or after 1st April 1997, in Schedule 2—
 - (a) in paragraph 2(12) for "0.992" there is substituted "0.962";

(b) for sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 8 there is substituted—

"8.—(1) It shall be assumed that the amount described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to these Regulations will, in the case of each authority or description of authority listed in the following table, be equal to the percentage of the amount described in sub-paragraph (2) below which is shown in the table in relation to that authority or description:

	Percentage
The council of an inner London borough or the Common Council of the City of London	2.4
The council of an outer London borough	2.3
Any authority not mentioned above	1.4".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

David Curry
Minister of State,
Department of the Environment

23rd December 1996

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Under Part II of Schedule 8 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988, billing authorities are required to pay amounts (called non-domestic rating contributions) to the Secretary of State. Payments in respect of a provisional amount of the contributions are made during the financial year, final calculations and any adjustments of payments being made after the year ends.

These Regulations amend the rules for calculation of contributions contained in the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) Regulations 1992, with effect from 1997/98. They alter certain figures used in the calculation of contributions and provisional amounts.