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COUNCIL TAX, ENGLAND AND WALES

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**The Local Government Reorganisation (Wales)
(Council Tax Reduction Scheme) Regulations 1997**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>12th February 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>14th February 1997</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>11th March 1997</i>

The Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 13 and 113(1) and (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992⁽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 Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Council Tax Reduction Scheme) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 11th March 1997.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

- “the Act” means the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- “the 1994 Act” means the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994⁽²⁾;
- “the Benefit Regulations” means the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992⁽³⁾;
- “billing authority” means a Welsh billing authority;
- “chargeable dwelling” means a chargeable dwelling in Wales;
- “county” means a county in Wales established under the 1994 Act;
- “county borough” means a county borough in Wales established under the 1994 Act;
- “the transferred parts of Ewenny” means those parts of the community of Ewenny in the county borough of The Vale of Glamorgan transferred to the communities of Bridgend and Coychurch

⁽¹⁾ 1992 c. 14; see section 116(1) for the definition of prescribed.

⁽²⁾ 1994 c. 19.

⁽³⁾ S.I.1992/1814; to which amendments have been made which are not relevant to these Regulations.

Lower in the county borough of Bridgend by the Bridgend and The Vale of Glamorgan (Areas) Order 1996(4);

“the transferred part of Llangan” means that part of the community of Llangan in the county borough of The Vale of Glamorgan transferred to the community of Coychurch Lower in the county borough of Bridgend by the Bridgend and The Vale of Glamorgan (Areas) Order 1996;

“Llangollen” means the community of Llangollen in the county of Denbighshire; and

“section 10”, “section 11” and “section 12” mean section 10 of the Act, section 11 of the Act and section 12 of the Act, respectively.

(2) Subject to regulation 3, in these Regulations “community area” means—

(a) except in relation to Llangollen, an area which is co-extensive with the area, as at 1st January 1997, of a community,

(b) in relation to Llangollen, the area of that community as altered by the Denbighshire and Wrexham (Areas) Order 1996(5),

and a community area identified in the Schedule to these Regulations by the name of a community in a county or county borough means the area which is co-extensive with the area of that community on 1st January 1997 or, in the case of Llangollen, 1st April 1997.

(3) In these Regulations, in relation to an amount a person is liable to pay in respect of council tax—

“the appropriate reduction” means the amount (if any) prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations in relation to the relevant community area and the relevant valuation band;

“the relevant community area” means the community area in which the relevant chargeable dwelling is situated; and

“the relevant chargeable dwelling” means the chargeable dwelling in respect of which the person is liable to pay the amount.

(4) In these Regulations, in relation to an amount a person is liable to pay in respect of council tax, any reference to the relevant valuation band is a reference to the valuation band shown as applicable to the relevant chargeable dwelling in the billing authority’s valuation list.

(5) Any reference in these Regulations to a person who is liable to pay to a billing authority, in respect of a particular dwelling, an amount in respect of council tax (whether his liability is sole, or joint and several), includes, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a person who in the opinion of the authority will be so liable; and references to the amount which a person is liable to pay shall be construed accordingly.

Application to areas transferred by boundary orders

3. These Regulations shall apply to the transferred parts of Ewenny and the transferred part of Llangan as if those parts were community areas in the county borough of Bridgend.

Calculation of amount payable

4.—(1) Where—

(a) a person is liable to pay an amount (“the amount”) to a billing authority in respect of council tax for a day in the financial year beginning on 1st April 1997,

(b) the amount is determined under section 10, and

(4) S.I. 1996/2915.

(5) S.I. 1996/2914.

- (c) the relevant chargeable dwelling is situated in a community area named in the Schedule to these Regulations,

the amount shall be reduced by deducting from it an amount calculated in accordance with the formula—

$$\frac{R}{D}$$

where—

R is the appropriate reduction;

D is the number of days in the financial year beginning on 1st April 1997.

(2) If the amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) above is determined under section 10 read with section 11 or section 12, the deduction required by paragraph (1) above shall be made from the original amount.

(3) In paragraph (2) above “the original amount” is the amount which would be determined under section 10 read without section 11 and section 12.

(4) Where a determination awarding council tax benefit under the Benefit Regulations is effective as regards the chargeable dwelling and a day in respect of which a person is liable to pay the amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) above in respect of that dwelling for that day, the amount which he is so liable to pay shall be—

- (a) the amount ascertained in accordance with paragraph (1), or paragraphs (1) and (2) above, as the case may be, for that day
- (b) less the amount of his council tax benefit for that day.

Appeals

5.—(1) Where a billing authority makes a decision relating to the application or operation of these Regulations in relation to an individual, the authority shall, if requested in writing by the person so affected, provide him with a written statement of its decision and the reason for it; and any such statement shall be sent within 14 days from the date on which it is requested or as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter.

(2) No appeal may be made to a valuation tribunal in respect of any decision of a billing authority relating solely to the application or operation of these Regulations; but a person aggrieved by such a decision may appeal to a review board appointed by the billing authority and constituted as mentioned in regulation 70(3) of the Benefit Regulations.

Notice of appeal

6. An appellant shall give notice of appeal under these Regulations in writing to the billing authority within 4 weeks of the date on which the statement referred to in regulation 5(1) above is sent by the billing authority to the appellant.

Procedure for appeals

7.—(1) Regulations 71(2) to (9) and 72(4) and (5) of the Benefit Regulations shall apply with the necessary modifications for the purposes of an appeal under these Regulations as they apply for the purposes of a further review.

(2) A billing authority shall comply with any decision of its review board.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

12th February 1997

Gwilym Jones
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Welsh
Office

SCHEDULE

Regulations 2, 3 and 4

PRESCRIBED AMOUNTS OF REDUCTION

Community area(s)#	Amount prescribed (appropriate reduction) (£) Valuation band:							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
In the county borough of BLAENAU GWENT:								
Abertillery	137.37	160.27	183.16	206.06	251.85	297.64	343.43	412.12
Beaufort								
Brynmawr								
Cwm								
Ebbw Vale								
Llanhilleth								
Nantyglo and Blaina								
Tredegar								
In the county borough of BRIDGEND:								
the transferred parts of Ewenny	38.07	44.42	50.76	57.11	69.80	82.49	95.18	114.22
the transferred part of Llangan								
In the county borough of CAERPHILLY:								
Abercarn	41.74	48.70	55.65	62.61	76.52	90.44	104.35	125.22

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Argoed								
Blackwood								
Cefn Fforest								
Crosskeys								
Crumlin								
Newbridge								
Pengam								
Penmaen								
Pontllanfraith								
Risca								
Ynysddu								
In the county of CARDIFF:								
Adamsdown	7.15	8.35	9.54	10.73	13.11	15.50	17.88	21.46
Butetown								
Caerau								
Canton								
Castle								
Cathays								
Cyncoed								
Ely								
Fairwater								
Gabalfa								
Grangetown								
Heath								
Lisvane								
Llandaff								
Llandaff North								
Llanishen								
Llanrumney								

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Community area(s)#	Amount prescribed (appropriate reduction) (£) Valuation band:							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Old St Mellons								
Pentwyn								
Plasnewydd								
Pontprennau								
Radyr								
Rhiwbina								
Riverside								
Roath								
Rumney								
St. Fagans								
Splott								
Tongwynlais								
Trowbridge								
Whitchurch								
In the county of CEREDIGION:								
Aberaeron	42.56	49.65	56.75	63.84	78.03	92.21	106.40	127.68
Aberporth								
Aberystwyth								
Beulah								
Blaenrheidol								
Borth								
Cardigan								
Ceulanamaesmawr								
Ciliau Aeron								
Dyffryn Arth								
Faenor								
Geneu'r Glyn								
Henfynyw								

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Lampeter								
Llanarth								
Llanbadarn Fawr								
Llanddewi Brefi								
Llandyfriog								
Llandysiliogogo								
Llandysul								
Llanfair Clydogau								
Llanfarian								
Llanfihangel Ystrad								
Llangeitho								
Llangoedmor								
Llangrannog								
Llangwryfon								
Llangybi								
Llangynfelyn								
Llanilar								
Llanllwchaiarn								
Llanrhystyd								
Llansantffraid								
Llanwenog								
Llanwnnen								
Lledrod								
Melindwr								
Nantcwnlle								
New Quay								
Penbryn								
Pontarfynach								
Tirymynach								

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Trawsgoed								
Trefeurig								
Tregaron								
Troedyaaur								
Y Ferwig								
Ysbyty								
Ystwyth								
Ysgubor- y-coed								
Ystrad Fflur								
Ystrad Meurig								
In the county of DENBIGHSHIRE:								
Cefnmeiriad	7.98	9.31	10.64	11.97	14.63	17.29	19.95	23.94
Trefnant								
		In the county of DENBIGHSHIRE:						
Aberwheledd	17.55	20.47	23.40	26.32	32.17	38.02	43.87	52.64
Betws Gwerfil Goch								
Bryneglwys								
Clocaenog								
Corwen								
Cyffylliog								
Cynwyd								
Denbigh								
Derwen								
Efenechtyd								
Gwyddelwern								
Henllan								
Llanarmon- yn-lal								

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Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd								
Llandegla								
Llandrillo								
Llandyrnog								
Llanelidan								
Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd								
Llanferres								
Llangollen								
Llangynhafal								
Llanrhaeadr- yng- Nghinmeirch								
Llantysilio								
Llanynys								
Nantglyn								
Ruthin								
In the county of DENBIGHSHIRE:								
Bodelwyddan	11.47	11.05	12.63	14.21	17.37	20.53	23.68	28.42
Bodfari								
Cwm								
Dyserth								
Prestatyn								
Rhuddlan								
Rhyl								
St. Asaph								
Tremeirchion								
Waen								
In the county								

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borough of MERTHYR TYDFIL:								
Bedlinog	14.92	17.41	19.89	22.38	27.35	32.33	37.30	44.76
Cyfarthfa								
Dowlais								
Gurnos								
Merthyr Vale								
Pant								
Park								
Penydarren								
Town								
Treharris								
Troed-y-rhiw								
Vaynor								
In the county borough of NEATH PORT TALBOT:								
Cilybebyll	40.65	47.42	54.20	60.97	74.52	88.07	101.62	121.94
Cwmllynfell								
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen								
Pontardawe								
Ystalyfera								
In the county borough of NEATH PORT TALBOT:								

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Blaengwrach	23.15	27.00	30.86	34.72	42.44	50.15	57.87	69.44
Blaenhonddan								
Briton Ferry								
Clyne								
Coedffranc								
Crynant								
Dyffryn Clydach								
Glynneath								
Neath								
Onllwyn								
Peelenna								
Resolven								
Seven Sisters								
Tonna								
In the county borough of NEATH PORT TALBOT:								
Aberavon	24.14	28.16	32.19	36.21	44.26	52.30	60.35	72.42
Baglan								
Baglan Bay								
Bryn								
Cwmavon								
Glyncorrwg								
Margam								
Margam Moors								
Port Talbot								

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Sandfields East								
Sandfields West								
Tai Bach								
In the county borough of RHONDDA, CYNON, TAFF:								
Aberaman	51.57	60.17	68.76	77.36	94.55	111.74	128.93	154.72
Abercynon								
Aberdare								
Cwmbach								
Hirwaun								
Llwydcoed								
Mountain Ash								
Penrhiwceiber								
Pen-y-waun								
Rhigos								
Ynysybwl								
In the county borough of RHONDDA, CYNON, TAFF:								
Cwm Clydach	40.56	47.32	54.08	60.84	74.36	87.88	101.40	121.68
Cymmer								
Ferndale								
Llwyn-y-pia								

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Maerdy								
Pentre								
Pen-y-graig								
Porth								
Tonypandy								
Trealaw								
Trehafoed								
Treherbert								
Treorchy								
Tylorstown								
Ynyshir								
Ystrad								
In the county borough of RHONDDA, CYNON, TAFF:								
Gilfach Goch	62.48	72.89	83.31	93.72	114.55	135.37	156.20	187.44
Llanharan								
Llanharry								
Llantrisant								
Llantwit Fardre								
Pont-y-clun								
Pontypridd								
Taffs Well								
Tonyrefail								

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations set out a scheme for reducing the liability of certain individuals in Wales to pay council tax for the financial year beginning 1st April 1997.

Regulation 4 provides for the reduction of a person's liability to be determined by reference to the appropriate reduction, if any, for the community area and the relevant valuation band for the chargeable dwelling.

Regulations 5 to 7 provide for appeals regarding the application or operation of these Regulations by billing authorities.

The Schedule lists the community areas in relation to which a reduction is prescribed, together with the appropriate reduction for each council tax valuation band.