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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2827 (S. 180)**

**RATING AND VALUATION**

**The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Areas and  
Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1997**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>21st November 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>28th November 1997</i>
		<i>22nd December</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1997</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by paragraphs 1(3)(c) and (5), 3(2)(b) and 4(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Local Government and Rating Act 1997<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Areas and Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 22nd December 1997.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Local Government and Rating Act 1997;

“the Census Report” means the publication “1991 Census -Key Statistics for Localities in Scotland” (ISBN 0 11 495736 3) which was published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office in 1995 and was laid before Parliament pursuant to section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Designation of rural areas**

2.—(1) There are designated as rural areas for the purposes of paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Act (rural settlement list) each of the local authority areas specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order under exclusion of the localities specified in columns 2 and 3 of that Schedule opposite the name of the local authority area in question.

(2) The boundaries of the localities—

(a) specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order shall be the boundaries of those localities used for the purposes of the Census Report and referred to at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.18 of that publication;

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(1) 1997 c. 29.  
(2) 1920 c. 41.

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- (b) specified in column 3 of that Schedule shall be as notified by the Secretary of State no later than 19th December 1997 to the local authority within the area of which the locality in question lies.

**Rateable value limits**

3.—(1) £5,000 is the amount prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Act (mandatory rate relief – maximum rateable value).

(2) £10,000 is the amount prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 4(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Act (discretionary rate relief – maximum rateable value).

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
21st November 1997

*Malcolm Chisholm*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish  
Office

SCHEDULE

Article 2

DESIGNATED RURAL AREAS

<i>Local authority area</i>	<i>Excluded localities</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Aberdeenshire	Banchory	
	Banff	
	Boddam	
	Ellon	
	Fraserburgh	
	Huntly	
	Inverurie	
	Kemnay	
	Macduff	
	Peterhead	
	Portlethen	
	Stonehaven	
	Turiff	
	Westhill	
Angus	Arbroath	Ferryden
	Brechin	
	Carnoustie	
	Dundee	
	Forfar	
	Hillside	
	Kirriemuir	
	Montrose	
Argyll and Bute	Ardrishaig	
	Campbeltown	

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
East Ayrshire	Dunoon	
	Helensburgh	
	Lochgilphead	
	Oban	
	Port Bannatyne	
	Rhu and Shandon	
	Rothesay	
	Sandbank	
	Auchinleck	
	Bellsbank	
	Cumnock	
	Dalmellington and Burnton	
	Darvel	
	Galston	
	Hurlford and Crookedholm	
	Kilmarnock	
	Logan	
Mauchline		
New Cumnock		
Newmilns		
Stewarton		
North Ayrshire	Ardrossan	
	Beith	
	Dalry	
	Dreghorn	
	Irvine	

<i>Local authority area</i>	<i>Excluded localities</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	Kilbirnie	
	Kilwinning	
	Largs	
	Saltcoats	
	Springside	
	Stevenston	
	West Kilbride	
South Ayrshire	Ayr	
	Girvan	
	Maybole	
	Prestwick	
	Troon	
Clackmannanshire	Alloa	Coalsnaughton
	Alva	
	Clackmannan	
	Tillicoultry	
	Tullibody	
Dumfries and Galloway	Annan	
	Castle Douglas	
	Dalbeattie	
	Dumfries	
	Gretna	
	Kirkcudbright	
	Locharbriggs	
	Lockerbie	
	Newton Stewart	

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	Stranraer	
East Dunbartonshire	Bearsden	Twechar
	Bishopbriggs	
	Kirkintilloch	
	Lennoxtown	
	Lenzie	
	Milngavie	
	Milton of Campsie	
West Dunbartonshire	Alexandria	
	Bonhill	
	Clydebank	
	Dumbarton	
	Duntocher and Hardgate	
	Faifley	
	Milton	
	Old Kilpatrick	
	Renton	
Falkirk	Banknock	California
	Bo'ness	
	Bonnybridge	
	Carron	
	Denny	
	Dunipace	
	Falkirk	
	Grangemouth	
	Haggs	

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Fife	Polmont	
	Shieldhill	
	Stenhousemuir	
	Anstruther	Coaltown of Balgonie
	Ballingry	Guardbridge
	Buckhaven	Springfield
	Burntisland	Stratheden
	Cardenden	
	Cowdenbeath	
	Crossgates	
	Cupar	
	Dalgety Bay	
	Dunfermline	
	East Wemyss	
	Glenrothes	
	High Valleyfield	
	Inverkeithing	
	Kelty	
	Kennoway	
	Kincardine	
Kirkcaldy		
Leslie		
Leuchars		
Leven		
Lochgelly		
Lundin Links		

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Highland	Markinch	
	Newport-On-Tay	
	North Queensferry	
	Oakley	
	Pittenweem	
	St Andrews	
	St Monans	
	Tayport	
	Thornton	
	Windygates	
	Alness	
	Balloch	
	Culloden	
	Dingwall	
	Fort William	
Invergordon		
Inverness		
Nairn		
Smithton		
Tain		
Thurso		
Westhill		
Wick		
Inverclyde	Gourock	
	Greenock	
	Kilmacolm	

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	Port Glasgow	
North Lanarkshire	Airdrie	Gartcosh
	Bargeddie	Queenzieburn
	Bellshill	
	Calderbank	
	Carfin	
	Chapelhall	
	Chryston	
	Cleland	
	Coatbridge	
	Croy	
	Cumbernauld	
	Glenmavis	
	Gowkthrapple	
	Holytown	
	Kilsyth	
	Moodiesburn	
	Motherwell	
	Muirhead	
	Newarthill	
	Newmains	
	New Stevenston	
	Overtown	
	Plains	
	Shotts	
	Stepps	

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	Viewpark	
	Wishaw	
South Lanarkshire	Ashgill	Kirkfieldbank
	Blantyre	
	Bothwell	
	Carluke	
	East Kilbride	
	Glasgow	
	Hamilton	
	Kirkmuirhill and Blackwood	
	Lanark	
	Larkhall	
	Lesmahagow	
	Stonehouse	
	Strathaven	
	Uddingston	
East Lothian	Cockenzie	
	Dunbar	
	Haddington	
	Musselburgh	
	North Berwick	
	Prestonpans	
	Tranent	
Midlothian	Bilston	
	Bonnyrigg	
	Dalkeith	

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	Gorebridge	
	Loanhead	
	Mayfield	
	Penicuik	
West Lothian	Armadale	Murieston
	Bathgate	Seafield
	Blackburn	
	Broxburn	
	Dechmont	
	East Calder	
	Fauldhouse	
	Linlithgow	
	Livingston	
	Polbeth	
	West Calder	
	Whitburn	
Moray	Buckie	Findhorn
	Elgin	Portgordon
	Forres	
	Keith	
	Lossiemouth	
Orkney Islands	Kirkwall	
Perth and Kinross	Auchterarder	
	Blairgowrie	
	Crieff	
	Kinross	
	Milnathort	

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	New Scone	
	Perth	
East Renfrewshire	Barrhead	
	Busby	
	Clarkston	
	Eaglesham	
	Giffnock	
	Neilston	
	Newton Mearns	
Renfrewshire	Bishopton	Brookfield
	Bridge of Weir	
	Elderslie	
	Erskine	
	Houston	
	Inchinnan	
	Johnstone	
	Kilbarchan	
	Linwood	
	Paisley	
	Renfrew	
Scottish Borders	Eyemouth	
	Galashiels	
	Hawick	
	Jedburgh	
	Kelso	
	Peebles	

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	Selkirk	
Shetland Islands	Lerwick	
	Scalloway	
Stirling	Bannockburn	
	Bridge of Allan	
	Dunblane	
	Stirling	
Western Isles	Laxdale	Coll
	Stornoway	Sandwick
		Tong

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Schedule 2 to the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 makes provision for mandatory relief from non-domestic rates for certain general stores and post offices, and discretionary relief for property used for purposes beneficial to the local community, in settlements of less than 3,000 people in areas of Scotland designated as rural areas by the Secretary of State.

Article 2 of this Order designates for the purposes of these provisions the local authority areas specified in column 1 of the Schedule to the Order, under exclusion of the localities specified in columns 2 and 3 of that Schedule. The boundaries of the localities specified in column 2 are those used for the purposes of the publication “1991 Census -Key Statistics for Localities in Scotland”, copies of which may be purchased from Stationery Office Bookshops. The boundaries of the localities specified in column 3 will be as notified by the Secretary of State to the local authorities in question no later than 19th December 1997.

Article 3 prescribes maxima of rateable value, above which property will not be eligible for the relief. £5,000 is prescribed in relation to mandatory relief, and £10,000 in relation to discretionary relief.