
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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RATING AND VALUATION

WALES

**The Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices)
(Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1997**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th February 1997</i>
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The Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 140(4), 143(1) and (2) and 146(6) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2(2) of Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1988(1), section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993(2), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 12th March 1997.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the principal Regulations” means the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993(3);

“demand notice” has the same meaning as in the principal Regulations.

Amendments of principal Regulations

2.—(1) The principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In paragraph 5 (applicable days for different chargeable amounts) of Schedule 1, subparagraph (b) shall be omitted.

(3) In paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 2, after the note headed “Transitional arrangements” there shall be added the following—

(1) 1988 c. 41. Paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 9 was amended by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Schedule 5, paragraph 44.
(2) 1993 c. 38.
(3) S.I. 1993/252, amended by S.I. 1993/1506, S.I. 1994/415, S.I. 1995/284 and S.I. 1996/311.

“Small property relief

For cases where the transitional arrangements do not apply, the rates bills of small properties, i.e. those with a rateable value of less than £10,000, will generally be frozen at the same level in 1997/98 as in 1996/97, and will be approximately 2% lower in real terms in 1998/99 and 1999/2000 than they would otherwise have been.”

(4) In paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 2, after the note headed “Trefniadau trosiannol” there shall be added the following—

“Rhyddhad Rhag Trethi i Eiddo Bach

Ar gyfer achosion lle nad yw’r trefniadau trosiannol yn gymwys, bydd biliau trethi eiddo bach, h.y. y rhai sydd â gwerth trethiannol lai na £10,000, yn cael eu rhewi’n gyffredinol ar yr un lefel ym 1997–98 ag ym 1996–97, a byddant yn rhyw 2% yn is mewn termau real ym 1998–99 a 1999–2000 nag y byddent wedi bod fel arall.”

(5) Nothing in this regulation shall affect the operation of the principal Regulations in relation to demand notices issued by a billing authority which relate to a financial year beginning on or before 1st April 1996.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

17th February 1997

Gwilym Jones
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh
Office

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993 so that the explanatory notes sent to ratepayers by Welsh billing authorities will include information regarding the non-domestic rating relief given to hereditaments with a rateable value of less than £10,000. The relief relates to the financial years 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/2000 and is given by regulations 37 to 39 of the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 1994 (S.I.1994/3279) (inserted by regulation 13 of the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts for Small Hereditaments) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/3214)).