
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 2963

RATING AND VALUATION

WALES

The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (Wales) Order 1998

Made - - - - *25th November 1998*
Laid before Parliament *7th December 1998*
Coming into force - - *31st December 1998*

The Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 42A(3) (c) and (5), 43(6B)(b), 47(3A)(b), 140(4) and 143(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988(1) 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 Settlements) (Wales) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 31st December 1998.

(2) In this Order “the 1988 Act” means the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

Designation of rural areas

2. The areas mentioned in the Schedule to this Order are designated as rural areas for the purposes of section 42A (rural settlement list) of the 1988 Act.

Rateable value limits

3. In relation to a hereditament shown in the local non-domestic rating list of a Welsh billing authority—

- (a) £5,000 is the amount prescribed as the maximum amount of rateable value for the purposes of section 43(6B)(b) (mandatory relief for qualifying general stores and post offices) of the 1988 Act; and
- (b) £10,000 is the amount prescribed as the maximum amount of rateable value for the purposes of section 47(3A)(b) (discretionary rate relief in rural areas) of the 1988 Act.

(1) 1988 c. 41. Section 42A is inserted by paragraph 1, section 43(6B) by paragraph 2 and section 47(3A) by paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29).

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Revocation

4. The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (Wales) Order 1997⁽²⁾ is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

25th November 1998

Jon Owen Jones
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh
Office

(2) S.I. [1997/2885](#) as amended by S.I. [1998/390](#).

SCHEDULE

Article 2

DESIGNATED RURAL AREAS

The areas mentioned in article 2 are—

The County Borough of Blaenau Gwent

The County Borough of Bridgend

The County Borough of Caerphilly

The City and County of Cardiff with the exception of the communities of Adamsdown, Butetown, Caerau, Canton, Castle, Cathays, Cyncoed, Ely, Gabalfa, Heath, Llandaff, Llandaff North, Llanishen, Llanrumney, Pentwyn, Plasnewydd, Riverside and Roath

The County of Carmarthenshire

The County of Ceredigion

The County Borough of Conwy

The County of Denbighshire

The County of Flintshire

The County of Gwynedd

The County of Isle of Anglesey

The County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil with the exception of the communities of Park and Penydarren

The County of Monmouthshire

The County Borough of Neath Port Talbot with the exception of the community of Sandfields East

The County Borough of Newport with the exception of the communities of Alway, Beechwood, Malpas, Liswerry, Shaftesbury, Stow Hill and Victoria

The County of Pembrokeshire

The County of Powys

The County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taff

The City and County of Swansea with the exception of the communities of Castle, Cwmbwrla, Townhill and Uplands

The County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan

The County Borough of Torfaen with the exception of the community of Cwmbran Central

The County Borough of Wrexham with the exception of the communities of Acton and Rhosddu

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order applies to Wales.

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Schedule 1 to the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 amends the Local Government Finance Act 1988 to make provision for mandatory relief from non-domestic rates for certain general stores and post offices, and discretionary relief for hereditaments used for purposes beneficial to the local community, in certain rural settlements in areas designated as rural areas by Order of the Secretary of State. The rural settlements are to be identified on lists drawn up by billing authorities.

Article 2 of this Order designates, for the purposes of these provisions, rural areas in Wales as set out in the Schedule to the Order.

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

Article 4 revokes the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (Wales) Order 1997 (S.I. [1997/2885](#) as amended by S.I. [1998/390](#)).