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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 26**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Electronic Communications) Order 2007**

*Made - - - - 9th January 2007*

*Laid before Parliament 15th January 2007*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 8 and 9 of the Electronic Communications Act 2000<sup>(1)</sup> and sections 140B, 140C(1), (1A) and (4), 140F(2) and 189(1), (4), (5) and (7) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992<sup>(2)</sup>.

In accordance with section 8(3) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 he considers that the authorisation of the use of electronic communications by this Order for any purpose is such that the extent (if any) to which records of things done for that purpose that will be available will be no less satisfactory in cases where use is made of electronic communications than in other cases.

In accordance with section 189(8) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 he has sought the consent of the Treasury<sup>(3)</sup>.

In accordance with section 176(1) of that Act he has consulted with organisations appearing to him to be representative of the authorities concerned<sup>(4)</sup>.

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(1) 2000 c.7.

(2) 1992 c.5. Sections 140B, 140C and 140F were inserted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1996 (c.52). Section 140B was amended by section 10 of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to, the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 (c.47) and paragraph 36 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2003 (c.26). Section 189(1) and (4) to (6) was amended by paragraph 109 of Schedule 7 to the Social Security Act 1998 (c.14); section 189(1) was amended by paragraph 57(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c.2) and Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c.21); section 189(7) was amended by paragraph 24 of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c.14) and paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997.

(3) Section 189(8) was amended by paragraph 3(5) of Schedule 13 to the Housing Act 1996 and paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c.21).

(4) Section 176(1) was amended by paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 14 to the Housing Act 1996.

### **Citation, commencement, effect and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Electronic Communications) Order 2007 and shall come into force on 5th February 2007.

(2) Article 4(2) shall have effect from 1st April 2004.

(3) Articles 2(4)(b), 3 and 4(1) shall have effect from 1st April 2005.

(4) Article 4(3) shall have effect from 1st April 2006.

(5) In this Order, “the principal Order” means the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998(5).

### **Amendment of Part II of the principal Order**

2.—(1) Part II of the principal Order (claims for and payment of subsidy) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In article 2 (interpretation of Parts II and IV) after the definition of “claim form”, insert—  
 ““electronic communication” has the same meaning as in section 15(1) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000”;

(3) After article 3 (conditions for payment of subsidy), insert—

#### **“Electronic communications**

**3A.**—(1) The Secretary of State, an authority or auditor may use an electronic communication in connection with any claim, audit or payment of subsidy provided it is made in accordance with the provisions set out in Part 2 of Schedule 6.

(2) Any reference to an electronic communication in this Order means an electronic communication made in accordance with those provisions.

(3) Schedule 6 makes further provisions relating to electronic communications.”.

(4) In article 4 (requirement of claim)—

(a) in paragraphs (2) and (4) after the words “on the form supplied by him to that authority”, insert “or by means of an electronic communication”;

(b) in paragraphs (2)(c) and (3) for “30th June” substitute “31st May”;

(c) in paragraph (3) before the words “The final claim”, insert “Except where an authority submits a claim by means of an electronic communication,”;

(d) omit paragraph (4A);

(e) in paragraph (4B) after the words “on such form as is supplied by him or them”, insert “or by means of an electronic communication”; and

(f) in paragraph (5) after the words “shall be signed”, insert “or submitted by means of an electronic communication”.

(5) In article 5 (requirement to keep records and provide information)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) after “paragraph (2)”, insert “in written or electronic form”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) after the words “produce records”, insert “in written or electronic form”; and

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(5) S.I. 1998/562. Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1998/2865, 1999/550, 2000/1091, 2000/2340, 2001/2350, 2002/1859, 2002/3116, 2003/3179, 2004/646, 2005/369, 2005/535, 2006/54 and 2006/559.

- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for “full, accurate and properly calculated”, substitute “fairly stated and in accordance with the relevant articles of this Order”.
- (6) In article 6 (requirement of audit)—
  - (a) in paragraph (1)(ia) after the words “is submitted to the Secretary of State”, insert “in written or electronic form”;
  - (b) in paragraph (2)(a) after the words “such information”, insert “in written or electronic form”;
  - (c) for sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) and the words following that paragraph substitute—
    - “(b) keep, and where asked to do so, produce records in written or electronic form with a bearing on its claim,as may be required by the auditor or as may be otherwise required to enable that authority to show and its auditor to check, that that claim is fairly stated and in accordance with the relevant articles of this Order.”; and
  - (d) for paragraph (3) substitute—
    - “(3) No final subsidy shall be paid until the authority’s auditor has certified on the claim for or by means of an electronic communication that the final claim is fairly stated and in accordance with the relevant articles of this Order.”.

#### **Amendment of Part III of the principal Order**

- 3.—(1) Omit article 18(5)(a) of the principal Order (additions to subsidy).
- (2) Omit article 23(2) of the principal Order (transitional provisions in relation to rent officer determinations).

#### **Amendment of the Schedules to the principal Order**

- 4.—(1) For Schedule 1 to the principal Order (sums to be used in the calculation of subsidy) substitute as Schedule 1 the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.
- (2) In Schedule 4 to the principal Order (high rents and rent allowances)—
  - (a) in paragraphs 7, 8(3), 9(2) to (5) and 11 of Part 2 (rent officers’ determinations); and
  - (b) in paragraph 15 of Part 3 (reckonable rent cases),for “95 per cent”, substitute “100 per cent”.
- (3) In Schedule 4A to the principal Order (rent rebate limitation deductions (housing revenue account dwellings))—
  - (a) in paragraph 2(4) (liability to deduction)—
    - (i) in step 1 and 2 for “service charges were imposed” substitute “rent was charged”; and
    - (ii) in step 4 for “new service charges were imposed” substitute “rent was charged”
  - (b) after paragraph 2(7), insert—
    - “(8) For the purposes of calculating the total number of weeks for which rent is charged in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) rent free periods shall be included.”;
  - (c) in the table in Part 3 (weekly rent limits for purposes of Part 2: authorities in England), in the entry relating to Dover for “£61.53”, substitute “£63.05”.
- (4) After Schedule 4A to the principal Order insert as Schedule 6 the Schedule set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

8th January 2007

*James Plaskitt*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department for Work and Pensions

We consent

9th January 2007

*Claire Ward*  
*Dave Watts*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her  
Majesty's Treasury

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

## SCHEDULE TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR SCHEDULE 1 TO THE PRINCIPAL ORDER

## “SCHEDULE 1

Articles 12(1)(b) and 17(1) and (8)

## SUMS TO BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF SUBSIDY

| <i>England</i>             | <i>Administration subsidy<br/>(£)</i> | <i>Non-HRA Rent Rebates</i> |                    |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|                            |                                       | <i>Threshold<br/>(£)</i>    | <i>Cap<br/>(£)</i> |
| Adur                       | 541,150                               | 117.63                      | 203.30             |
| Allerdale                  | 820,662                               | 94.42                       | 162.87             |
| Alnwick                    | 187,588                               | 81.85                       | 141.83             |
| Amber Valley               | 2,177,537                             | 94.89                       | 163.87             |
| Arun                       | 801,040                               | 123.12                      | 212.38             |
| Ashfield                   | 694,574                               | 89.10                       | 153.87             |
| Ashford                    | 544,777                               | 116.91                      | 201.88             |
| Aylesbury Vale             | 553,713                               | 113.05                      | 195.67             |
| Babergh                    | 391,953                               | 108.20                      | 186.83             |
| Barking and Dagenham       | 3,467,516                             | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Barnet                     | 2,459,834                             | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Barnsley                   | 1,679,991                             | 79.15                       | 137.65             |
| Barrow in Furness          | 576,998                               | 98.76                       | 170.54             |
| Basildon                   | 1,197,999                             | 114.95                      | 198.50             |
| Basingstoke and Deane      | 719,350                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Bassetlaw                  | 630,003                               | 99.33                       | 171.53             |
| Bath & North East Somerset | 1,112,332                             | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| Bedford                    | 962,281                               | 93.24                       | 161.42             |
| Berwick upon Tweed         | 184,582                               | 88.60                       | 152.98             |
| Bexley                     | 1,362,860                             | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Birmingham                 | 10,721,429                            | 95.47                       | 165.32             |
| Blaby                      | 295,933                               | 85.08                       | 147.23             |
| Blackburn with Darwen      | 1,550,729                             | 108.94                      | 187.92             |
| Blackpool                  | 2,142,732                             | 90.73                       | 160.83             |
| Blyth Valley               | 604,122                               | 75.02                       | 129.88             |
| Bolsover                   | 639,470                               | 77.36                       | 136.39             |

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|                   |                                       | <i>Threshold<br/>(£)</i>    | <i>Cap<br/>(£)</i> |
| Bolton            | 2,657,289                             | 81.72                       | 142.4              |
| Boston            | 411,275                               | 85.21                       | 147.31             |
| Bournemouth       | 1,474,200                             | 102.41                      | 187.95             |
| Bracknell Forest  | 493,431                               | 127.2                       | 223.22             |
| Bradford          | 4,201,293                             | 86.20                       | 158.19             |
| Braintree         | 670,747                               | 104.64                      | 180.69             |
| Breckland         | 960,122                               | 107.01                      | 185.25             |
| Brent             | 3,652,904                             | 223.51                      | 366.97             |
| Brentwood         | 388,832                               | 118.62                      | 204.84             |
| Bridgnorth        | 304,791                               | 96.45                       | 167.79             |
| Brighton and Hove | 2,451,490                             | 105.84                      | 203.09             |
| Bristol           | 3,016,186                             | 93.23                       | 180.00             |
| Broadland         | 564,628                               | 107.01                      | 185.25             |
| Bromley           | 1,833,635                             | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Bromsgrove        | 599,819                               | 99.45                       | 179.46             |
| Broxbourne        | 416,427                               | 126.48                      | 218.41             |
| Broxtowe          | 1,083,155                             | 81.36                       | 141.69             |
| Burnley           | 963,316                               | 96.75                       | 166.89             |
| Bury              | 1,259,114                             | 94.23                       | 162.72             |
| Calderdale        | 1,471,710                             | 83.75                       | 144.71             |
| Cambridge         | 614,340                               | 111.41                      | 192.38             |
| Camden            | 3,367,912                             | 223.51                      | 365.30             |
| Cannock Chase     | 518,977                               | 99.89                       | 178.38             |
| Canterbury        | 879,676                               | 112.34                      | 193.97             |
| Caradon           | 455,141                               | 94.69                       | 163.51             |
| Carlisle          | 908,624                               | 92.14                       | 159.10             |
| Carrick           | 546,892                               | 107.83                      | 186.20             |
| Castle Morpeth    | 202,845                               | 88.89                       | 153.50             |
| Castle Point      | 673,294                               | 122.30                      | 211.18             |
| Charnwood         | 584,764                               | 85.61                       | 147.85             |
| Chelmsford        | 796,312                               | 119.70                      | 207.46             |

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|                    |                                   | <i>Threshold (£)</i>        | <i>Cap (£)</i> |
| Cheltenham         | 601,259                           | 121.58                      | 209.93         |
| Cherwell           | 633,201                           | 117.87                      | 203.82         |
| Chester            | 847,625                           | 89.00                       | 153.52         |
| Chester le Street  | 499,581                           | 82.28                       | 142.53         |
| Chesterfield       | 794,632                           | 81.69                       | 141.06         |
| Chichester         | 642,039                           | 118.48                      | 204.37         |
| Chiltern           | 376,484                           | 117.07                      | 201.95         |
| Chorley            | 481,619                           | 83.82                       | 145.54         |
| Christchurch       | 264,923                           | 100.71                      | 184.64         |
| City of London     | 102,295                           | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Colchester         | 804,419                           | 110.25                      | 191.93         |
| Congleton          | 387,214                           | 94.42                       | 162.87         |
| Copeland           | 958,391                           | 88.71                       | 164.58         |
| Corby              | 329,919                           | 91.42                       | 163.13         |
| Cotswold           | 558,760                           | 100.71                      | 173.73         |
| Coventry           | 2,977,295                         | 81.21                       | 155.64         |
| Craven             | 250,835                           | 100.12                      | 172.89         |
| Crawley            | 563,744                           | 126.74                      | 219.64         |
| Crewe and Nantwich | 715,779                           | 99.90                       | 179.69         |
| Croydon            | 3,439,965                         | 223.51                      | 360.44         |
| Dacorum            | 741,450                           | 110.97                      | 194.04         |
| Darlington         | 787,433                           | 86.96                       | 150.16         |
| Dartford           | 700,602                           | 114.85                      | 198.32         |
| Daventry           | 242,633                           | 91.32                       | 157.69         |
| Derby              | 1,907,939                         | 90.19                       | 155.76         |
| Derbyshire Dales   | 309,095                           | 91.57                       | 158.47         |
| Derwentside        | 1,047,550                         | 89.71                       | 154.91         |
| Doncaster          | 2,029,010                         | 82.28                       | 144.48         |
| Dover              | 870,579                           | 116.94                      | 201.93         |
| Dudley             | 2,201,242                         | 95.78                       | 167.82         |
| Durham             | 713,680                           | 84.71                       | 148.23         |

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|                           |                                       | <i>Threshold<br/>(£)</i>    | <i>Cap<br/>(£)</i> |
| Ealing                    | 2,370,849                             | 223.51                      | 351.19             |
| Easington                 | 952,559                               | 87.21                       | 150.59             |
| East Cambridgeshire       | 363,667                               | 107.01                      | 185.25             |
| East Devon                | 549,226                               | 91.41                       | 167.75             |
| East Dorset               | 391,512                               | 100.71                      | 184.64             |
| East Hampshire            | 500,372                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| East Hertfordshire        | 508,022                               | 127.90                      | 221.65             |
| East Lindsey              | 957,002                               | 87.82                       | 151.81             |
| East Northamptonshire     | 412,822                               | 98.10                       | 169.60             |
| East Riding of Yorkshire  | 1,651,981                             | 87.66                       | 155.41             |
| East Staffordshire        | 746,426                               | 85.52                       | 147.52             |
| Eastbourne                | 929,671                               | 105.32                      | 193.31             |
| Eastleigh                 | 497,202                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Eden                      | 216,951                               | 94.42                       | 162.87             |
| Ellesmere Port and Neston | 681,717                               | 73.57                       | 145.96             |
| Elmbridge                 | 683,799                               | 133.53                      | 230.32             |
| Enfield                   | 2,962,511                             | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Epping Forest             | 574,529                               | 113.34                      | 196.26             |
| Epsom and Ewell           | 239,878                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Erewash                   | 606,111                               | 83.97                       | 145.31             |
| Exeter                    | 793,266                               | 88.54                       | 162.50             |
| Fareham                   | 315,483                               | 110.95                      | 195.45             |
| Fenland                   | 548,408                               | 100.56                      | 173.66             |
| Forest Heath              | 213,305                               | 99.04                       | 171.03             |
| Forest of Dean            | 705,851                               | 96.52                       | 166.67             |
| Fylde                     | 373,689                               | 82.51                       | 142.31             |
| Gateshead                 | 4,151,653                             | 87.29                       | 150.74             |
| Gedling                   | 550,834                               | 83.14                       | 144.18             |
| Gloucester                | 720,049                               | 105.41                      | 182.02             |
| Gosport                   | 418,312                               | 108.81                      | 187.90             |
| Gravesham                 | 916,856                               | 111.04                      | 191.76             |



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|                        |                                   | <i>Threshold (£)</i>        | <i>Cap (£)</i> |
| Great Yarmouth         | 1,267,467                         | 83.55                       | 153.34         |
| Greenwich              | 3,455,031                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Guildford              | 508,357                           | 134.07                      | 231.52         |
| Hackney                | 4,098,097                         | 223.51                      | 347.48         |
| Halton                 | 1,405,420                         | 86.83                       | 155.33         |
| Hambleton              | 535,304                           | 83.08                       | 152.54         |
| Hammersmith and Fulham | 2,405,655                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Harborough             | 428,222                           | 103.09                      | 178.01         |
| Haringey               | 2,767,088                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Harlow                 | 579,851                           | 109.42                      | 188.94         |
| Harrogate              | 585,388                           | 106.57                      | 184.04         |
| Harrow                 | 1,307,876                         | 223.51                      | 381.29         |
| Hart                   | 513,841                           | 117.07                      | 201.95         |
| Hartlepool             | 1,182,656                         | 90.16                       | 155.69         |
| Hastings               | 1,018,078                         | 117.07                      | 201.95         |
| Havant                 | 642,013                           | 117.07                      | 201.95         |
| Havering               | 1,249,238                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Herefordshire          | 1,117,571                         | 89.64                       | 154.80         |
| Hertsmere              | 530,671                           | 107.01                      | 185.25         |
| High Peak              | 449,673                           | 96.94                       | 167.39         |
| Hillingdon             | 1,591,178                         | 223.51                      | 383.39         |
| Hinckley and Bosworth  | 356,258                           | 93.60                       | 161.64         |
| Horsham                | 703,607                           | 138.41                      | 238.74         |
| Hounslow               | 1,569,795                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Huntingdonshire        | 725,955                           | 115.92                      | 200.68         |
| Hyndburn               | 656,521                           | 93.45                       | 161.20         |
| Ipswich                | 929,602                           | 99.72                       | 172.19         |
| Isle of Wight          | 1,076,317                         | 117.07                      | 201.95         |
| Isles of Scilly        | 7,951                             | 104.08                      | 179.73         |
| Islington              | 3,485,205                         | 223.51                      | 359.52         |
| Kennet                 | 359,786                           | 100.71                      | 173.73         |

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|                             |                                   | <i>Threshold (£)</i>        | <i>Cap (£)</i> |
| Kensington and Chelsea      | 2,158,521                         | 223.51                      | 396.15         |
| Kerrier                     | 810,317                           | 100.71                      | 173.73         |
| Kettering                   | 404,257                           | 90.21                       | 157.06         |
| Kings Lynn and West Norfolk | 1,024,778                         | 87.62                       | 159.42         |
| Kingston upon Hull          | 3,087,282                         | 90.63                       | 162.38         |
| Kingston upon Thames        | 695,047                           | 223.51                      | 372.60         |
| Kirklees                    | 2,566,641                         | 91.86                       | 158.64         |
| Knowsley                    | 2,069,706                         | 102.02                      | 176.17         |
| Lambeth                     | 4,509,682                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Lancaster                   | 902,217                           | 90.85                       | 156.87         |
| Leeds                       | 6,087,011                         | 83.41                       | 153.46         |
| Leicester                   | 3,156,743                         | 92.52                       | 159.61         |
| Lewes                       | 492,190                           | 113.59                      | 197.50         |
| Lewisham                    | 4,044,602                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Lichfield                   | 606,649                           | 92.82                       | 160.12         |
| Lincoln                     | 796,442                           | 87.56                       | 151.20         |
| Liverpool                   | 6,165,922                         | 93.12                       | 160.83         |
| Luton                       | 1,292,893                         | 114.55                      | 197.81         |
| Macclesfield                | 645,726                           | 103.10                      | 193.20         |
| Maidstone                   | 762,416                           | 116.30                      | 200.82         |
| Maldon                      | 306,138                           | 107.01                      | 185.25         |
| Malvern Hills               | 464,980                           | 92.82                       | 160.12         |
| Manchester                  | 5,994,281                         | 109.17                      | 188.51         |
| Mansfield                   | 739,362                           | 93.71                       | 161.65         |
| Medway                      | 1,576,395                         | 114.85                      | 198.32         |
| Melton                      | 159,782                           | 84.14                       | 149.23         |
| Mendip                      | 769,027                           | 99.23                       | 171.18         |
| Merton                      | 1,048,254                         | 223.51                      | 346.99         |
| Mid Bedfordshire            | 665,055                           | 106.32                      | 184.26         |
| Mid Devon                   | 367,375                           | 94.27                       | 162.80         |
| Mid Suffolk                 | 307,758                           | 100.56                      | 173.66         |

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|                           |                                       | <i>Threshold<br/>(£)</i>    | <i>Cap<br/>(£)</i> |
| Mid Sussex                | 1,442,432                             | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Middlesbrough             | 1,540,524                             | 98.66                       | 170.37             |
| Milton Keynes             | 1,229,471                             | 114.35                      | 198.30             |
| Mole Valley               | 278,432                               | 113.82                      | 196.54             |
| New Forest                | 726,720                               | 126.10                      | 217.76             |
| Newark and Sherwood       | 555,099                               | 87.56                       | 151.19             |
| Newcastle under Lyme      | 755,700                               | 78.70                       | 150.86             |
| Newcastle upon Tyne       | 3,540,011                             | 85.76                       | 148.09             |
| Newham                    | 3,270,945                             | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| North Cornwall            | 785,134                               | 95.06                       | 164.14             |
| North Devon               | 761,263                               | 109.95                      | 189.66             |
| North Dorset              | 442,945                               | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| North East Derby          | 555,051                               | 79.87                       | 141.45             |
| North East Lincoln        | 1,425,452                             | 85.81                       | 153.36             |
| North Hertfordshire       | 804,148                               | 115.06                      | 204.65             |
| North Kesteven            | 477,640                               | 87.53                       | 151.13             |
| North Lincolnshire        | 1,017,814                             | 83.07                       | 143.97             |
| North Norfolk             | 694,904                               | 92.45                       | 159.84             |
| North Shropshire          | 279,310                               | 86.90                       | 151.02             |
| North Somerset            | 1,113,123                             | 115.92                      | 200.17             |
| North Tyneside            | 1,964,942                             | 80.25                       | 139.34             |
| North Warwickshire        | 437,768                               | 91.58                       | 160.70             |
| North West Leicestershire | 372,649                               | 86.63                       | 149.59             |
| North Wiltshire           | 623,597                               | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| Northampton               | 2,002,351                             | 113.90                      | 196.67             |
| Norwich                   | 1,147,991                             | 90.26                       | 156.40             |
| Nottingham                | 2,783,167                             | 83.96                       | 144.99             |
| Nuneaton and Bedworth     | 822,002                               | 88.81                       | 154.92             |
| Oadby and Wigston         | 286,631                               | 85.39                       | 148.27             |
| Oldham                    | 1,908,799                             | 83.75                       | 153.13             |
| Oswestry                  | 187,813                               | 89.56                       | 154.65             |

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| Oxford               | 866,910                               | 122.71                      | 213.93             |
| Pendle               | 753,190                               | 87.23                       | 150.64             |
| Penwith              | 812,198                               | 94.58                       | 173.40             |
| Peterborough         | 1,499,900                             | 114.08                      | 197.00             |
| Plymouth             | 2,452,020                             | 92.07                       | 158.97             |
| Poole                | 1,072,501                             | 104.52                      | 191.62             |
| Portsmouth           | 1,561,051                             | 111.09                      | 191.81             |
| Preston              | 984,115                               | 94.99                       | 164.01             |
| Purbeck              | 216,233                               | 116.19                      | 200.62             |
| Reading              | 1,238,833                             | 135.67                      | 234.27             |
| Redbridge            | 1,493,193                             | 223.51                      | 352.76             |
| Redcar and Cleveland | 1,486,136                             | 94.34                       | 162.90             |
| Redditch             | 571,209                               | 100.51                      | 173.57             |
| Reigate and Banstead | 513,075                               | 131.92                      | 227.79             |
| Restormel            | 927,144                               | 108.16                      | 186.57             |
| Ribble Valley        | 160,730                               | 81.96                       | 141.52             |
| Richmond upon Thames | 971,006                               | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Richmondshire        | 179,836                               | 97.21                       | 167.85             |
| Rochdale             | 3,608,972                             | 87.10                       | 150.41             |
| Rochford             | 353,263                               | 103.82                      | 179.26             |
| Rossendale           | 570,634                               | 88.21                       | 152.16             |
| Rother               | 655,384                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Rotherham            | 1,793,414                             | 73.64                       | 132.52             |
| Rugby                | 542,118                               | 94.15                       | 163.62             |
| Runnymede            | 312,692                               | 138.57                      | 239.29             |
| Rushcliffe           | 364,891                               | 96.48                       | 168.17             |
| Rushmoor             | 421,480                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Rutland              | 101,833                               | 102.90                      | 177.70             |
| Ryedale              | 364,478                               | 83.08                       | 152.54             |
| Salford              | 2,769,586                             | 96.36                       | 166.39             |
| Salisbury            | 481,187                               | 121.97                      | 216.09             |

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| Sandwell               | 2,939,378                             | 103.71                      | 180.64             |
| Scarborough            | 1,061,827                             | 98.94                       | 170.84             |
| Sedgefield             | 892,905                               | 85.26                       | 147.64             |
| Sedgemoor              | 578,007                               | 106.66                      | 184.18             |
| Sefton                 | 2,523,338                             | 98.01                       | 169.49             |
| Selby                  | 550,697                               | 92.79                       | 160.24             |
| Sevenoaks              | 684,206                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Sheffield              | 4,342,187                             | 83.75                       | 144.74             |
| Shepway                | 753,323                               | 107.33                      | 185.33             |
| Shrewsbury and Atcham  | 655,452                               | 95.11                       | 164.24             |
| Slough                 | 869,970                               | 122.26                      | 213.37             |
| Solihull               | 963,097                               | 99.57                       | 171.94             |
| South Bedfordshire     | 489,805                               | 119.67                      | 207.86             |
| South Bucks            | 715,344                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| South Cambridgeshire   | 408,947                               | 119.89                      | 207.03             |
| South Derbyshire       | 353,337                               | 94.21                       | 162.67             |
| South Gloucestershire  | 2,774,785                             | 102.68                      | 180.81             |
| South Hams             | 786,066                               | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| South Holland          | 575,231                               | 89.35                       | 154.30             |
| South Kesteven         | 514,260                               | 92.28                       | 161.34             |
| South Lakeland         | 453,490                               | 106.13                      | 188.71             |
| South Norfolk          | 573,411                               | 97.21                       | 167.85             |
| South Northamptonshire | 201,640                               | 106.08                      | 184.62             |
| South Oxfordshire      | 535,396                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| South Ribble           | 655,774                               | 94.42                       | 162.87             |
| South Shropshire       | 236,887                               | 92.82                       | 160.12             |
| South Somerset         | 820,781                               | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| South Staffordshire    | 744,790                               | 92.82                       | 160.12             |
| South Tyneside         | 1,868,061                             | 78.12                       | 136.67             |
| Southampton            | 1,772,938                             | 98.03                       | 188.07             |
| Southend on Sea        | 1,451,034                             | 106.44                      | 183.80             |

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| Southwark               | 5,314,651                             | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Spelthorne              | 446,961                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| St Albans               | 537,738                               | 118.06                      | 205.35             |
| St Edmundsbury          | 524,174                               | 106.04                      | 183.78             |
| St Helens               | 1,706,323                             | 100.64                      | 173.78             |
| Stafford                | 681,083                               | 92.82                       | 160.12             |
| Staffordshire Moorlands | 459,312                               | 90.27                       | 155.71             |
| Stevenage               | 566,404                               | 116.92                      | 201.89             |
| Stockport               | 1,508,996                             | 85.47                       | 164.34             |
| Stockton on Tees        | 1,303,882                             | 89.51                       | 155.97             |
| Stoke on Trent          | 2,999,929                             | 89.33                       | 154.24             |
| Stratford on Avon       | 575,445                               | 92.82                       | 160.12             |
| Stroud                  | 617,771                               | 107.03                      | 184.81             |
| Suffolk Coastal         | 593,364                               | 97.13                       | 168.14             |
| Sunderland              | 4,104,354                             | 97.04                       | 167.40             |
| Surrey Heath            | 246,977                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Sutton                  | 937,379                               | 223.51                      | 346.99             |
| Swale                   | 988,384                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Swindon                 | 891,670                               | 95.38                       | 166.55             |
| Tameside                | 1,983,153                             | 99.17                       | 171.06             |
| Tamworth                | 391,561                               | 97.36                       | 169.29             |
| Tandridge               | 250,169                               | 116.83                      | 203.44             |
| Taunton Deane           | 785,620                               | 94.94                       | 163.94             |
| Teesdale                | 141,953                               | 87.05                       | 150.31             |
| Teignbridge             | 904,466                               | 112.26                      | 193.86             |
| Telford and Wrekin      | 1,252,063                             | 92.82                       | 160.12             |
| Tendring                | 1,052,313                             | 98.00                       | 179.86             |
| Test Valley             | 472,663                               | 113.80                      | 196.29             |
| Tewkesbury              | 351,544                               | 92.87                       | 160.20             |
| Thanet                  | 1,560,632                             | 106.35                      | 183.64             |
| Three Rivers            | 348,065                               | 120.56                      | 209.77             |

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| Thurrock              | 910,565                               | 113.49                      | 195.95             |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 605,472                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Torbay                | 1,319,475                             | 103.66                      | 178.81             |
| Torridge              | 463,075                               | 102.57                      | 177.11             |
| Tower Hamlets         | 4,313,752                             | 223.51                      | 374.38             |
| Trafford              | 1,304,835                             | 95.94                       | 165.66             |
| Tunbridge Wells       | 655,838                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Tynedale              | 356,005                               | 93.57                       | 161.41             |
| Uttlesford            | 283,576                               | 117.32                      | 202.66             |
| Vale of White Horse   | 446,705                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Vale Royal            | 1,056,871                             | 94.94                       | 163.95             |
| Wakefield             | 2,009,095                             | 83.83                       | 156.34             |
| Walsall               | 2,722,971                             | 95.48                       | 164.89             |
| Waltham Forest        | 2,188,169                             | 223.51                      | 367.87             |
| Wandsworth            | 2,402,306                             | 223.51                      | 390.57             |
| Wansbeck              | 490,155                               | 74.07                       | 127.90             |
| Warrington            | 1,265,550                             | 95.33                       | 164.61             |
| Warwick               | 659,071                               | 101.13                      | 176.96             |
| Watford               | 480,458                               | 117.41                      | 202.72             |
| Waveney               | 1,015,793                             | 92.30                       | 159.38             |
| Waverley              | 429,795                               | 127.22                      | 219.45             |
| Wealden               | 557,215                               | 99.81                       | 191.49             |
| Wear Valley           | 629,981                               | 86.22                       | 148.87             |
| Wellingborough        | 361,833                               | 93.99                       | 162.29             |
| Welwyn Hatfield       | 535,731                               | 110.25                      | 193.38             |
| West Berkshire        | 905,001                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| West Devon            | 265,001                               | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| West Dorset           | 546,291                               | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| West Lancashire       | 934,290                               | 89.13                       | 155.22             |
| West Lindsey          | 491,595                               | 86.71                       | 149.91             |
| West Oxfordshire      | 420,810                               | 112.22                      | 193.59             |

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| West Somerset          | 283,361                               | 100.71                      | 173.73             |
| West Wiltshire         | 658,210                               | 115.04                      | 198.44             |
| Westminster            | 2,260,565                             | 223.51                      | 428.82             |
| Weymouth and Portland  | 613,230                               | 104.29                      | 179.90             |
| Wigan                  | 2,162,909                             | 89.41                       | 154.39             |
| Winchester             | 399,158                               | 117.53                      | 202.95             |
| Windsor and Maidenhead | 768,568                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Wirral                 | 2,975,390                             | 104.37                      | 180.21             |
| Woking                 | 346,099                               | 151.4                       | 261.45             |
| Wokingham              | 305,817                               | 118.29                      | 210.01             |
| Wolverhampton          | 2,283,266                             | 86.71                       | 160.13             |
| Worcester              | 592,374                               | 89.41                       | 156.05             |
| Worthing               | 610,368                               | 117.07                      | 201.95             |
| Wychavon               | 654,519                               | 116.85                      | 201.54             |
| Wycombe                | 630,922                               | 134.52                      | 232.29             |
| Wyre                   | 785,444                               | 94.80                       | 163.52             |
| Wyre Forest            | 798,083                               | 96.56                       | 166.56             |
| York                   | 802,154                               | 98.23                       | 169.61             |
| <i>Wales</i>           |                                       |                             |                    |
| Blaenau Gwent          | 799,019                               | 91.65                       | 158.24             |
| Bridgend               | 988,768                               | 93.01                       | 160.62             |
| Caerphilly             | 1,250,336                             | 98.31                       | 169.76             |
| Cardiff                | 2,228,733                             | 103.42                      | 179.59             |
| Carmarthenshire        | 1,180,478                             | 89.75                       | 154.98             |
| Ceredigion             | 379,744                               | 98.37                       | 169.86             |
| Conwy                  | 1,792,884                             | 86.52                       | 156.20             |
| Denbighshire           | 630,626                               | 84.15                       | 146.72             |
| Flintshire             | 797,706                               | 89.49                       | 154.73             |
| Gwynedd                | 753,834                               | 89.13                       | 153.90             |
| Isle of Anglesey       | 669,910                               | 87.88                       | 151.74             |



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|                           |                                       | <i>Threshold<br/>(£)</i>    | <i>Cap<br/>(£)</i> |
| Merthyr Tydfil            | 817,642                               | 89.17                       | 153.98             |
| Monmouthshire             | 475,585                               | 103.25                      | 179.51             |
| Neath Port Talbot         | 1,124,438                             | 90.39                       | 156.09             |
| Newport                   | 1,012,024                             | 97.89                       | 171.18             |
| Pembrokeshire             | 851,138                               | 87.86                       | 151.70             |
| Powys                     | 725,790                               | 92.14                       | 159.35             |
| Rhondda Cynon Taff        | 1,987,547                             | 87.70                       | 151.44             |
| Swansea                   | 1,737,342                             | 93.70                       | 161.81             |
| Torfaen                   | 627,677                               | 101.74                      | 177.30             |
| Vale of Glamorgan         | 807,675                               | 105.59                      | 182.34             |
| Wrexham                   | 891,479                               | 83.92                       | 145.37             |
| <i>Scotland</i>           |                                       |                             |                    |
| Aberdeen                  | 1,488,421                             | 79.65                       | 139.02             |
| Aberdeenshire             | 1,162,226                             | 75.09                       | 133.40             |
| Angus                     | 932,799                               | 70.27                       | 126.75             |
| Argyll and Bute           | 606,884                               | 85.63                       | 147.88             |
| Clackmannanshire          | 419,879                               | 75.46                       | 139.24             |
| Comhairle nan Eilean Siar | 183,493                               | 88.56                       | 154.86             |
| Dumfries and Galloway     | 1,315,712                             | 80.33                       | 141.23             |
| Dundee                    | 2,072,708                             | 87.31                       | 152.30             |
| East Ayrshire             | 1,136,017                             | 76.85                       | 132.82             |
| East Dunbartonshire       | 453,465                               | 82.14                       | 145.45             |
| East Lothian              | 5,435,595                             | 73.87                       | 127.56             |
| East Renfrewshire         | 354,131                               | 78.82                       | 144.59             |
| Edinburgh                 | 4,324,973                             | 100.39                      | 173.35             |
| Falkirk                   | 1,101,183                             | 80.03                       | 147.09             |
| Fife                      | 2,807,442                             | 76.13                       | 136.38             |
| Glasgow                   | 11,743,523                            | 101.72                      | 175.65             |
| Highland                  | 1,369,487                             | 93.42                       | 161.30             |
| Inverclyde                | 922,614                               | 95.55                       | 170.47             |

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| Midlothian          | 762,226                               | 66.98                       | 115.67             |
| Moray               | 449,823                               | 67.74                       | 116.96             |
| North Ayrshire      | 1,390,101                             | 71.99                       | 127.46             |
| North Lanarkshire   | 3,005,055                             | 83.85                       | 146.60             |
| Orkney Islands      | 94,955                                | 78.51                       | 135.56             |
| Perth & Kinross     | 734,348                               | 71.28                       | 123.09             |
| Renfrewshire        | 1,918,068                             | 87.13                       | 158.90             |
| Scottish Borders    | 828,671                               | 75.83                       | 130.93             |
| Shetland            | 84,568                                | 102.20                      | 176.47             |
| South Ayrshire      | 908,735                               | 78.20                       | 135.01             |
| South Lanarkshire   | 2,633,563                             | 85.82                       | 148.19             |
| Stirling            | 544,644                               | 80.89                       | 139.66             |
| West Dunbartonshire | 1,212,914                             | 80.57                       | 139.14             |
| West Lothian        | 1,547,073                             | 82.78                       | 169.42”            |

## SCHEDULE 2

Articles 4(4)

SCHEDULE TO BE INSERTED AS SCHEDULE 6 TO THE PRINCIPAL ORDER

## “SCHEDULE 6

Articles 3A

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

## PART 1

## INTERPRETATION

**Interpretation**

**1** In this Schedule “official computer system” means a computer system maintained by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for the sending, receipt, processing or storage of any claim or return.

## PART 2

### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS - GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### **Conditions for the use of electronic communications**

2.—(1) An authority or auditor must use an approved method of—

- (a) electronic communication;
- (b) authenticating the identity of the sender of the communication;
- (c) authenticating any claim or return delivered by means of an electronic communication; and
- (d) submitting to the Secretary of State any claim or return.

(2) An authority or auditor must submit any claim or return by means of an electronic communication in an approved form.

(3) Where a claim or return is submitted electronically but not in accordance with the conditions specified in this paragraph, that claim or return shall be treated as not having been submitted.

(4) In this paragraph “approved” means approved by means of a direction given by the Secretary of State.

#### **Use of intermediaries**

3 The Secretary of State may—

- (a) use intermediaries in connection with the receipt, authentication or security of any claim or return delivered by means of an electronic communication; and
- (b) require authorities or auditors to use intermediaries in connection with those matters.

## PART 3

### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION - EVIDENTIAL PROVISIONS

#### **Effect of delivering information by means of electronic communication**

4.—(1) Any claim or return which is delivered by means of an electronic communication shall be treated as having been delivered in the approved manner or form on the day the conditions imposed—

- (a) by or under this Schedule; and
- (b) by or under Part II of this Order

are satisfied.

(2) The Secretary of State may, by a direction, determine that any claim or return is to be treated as delivered on a different day (whether earlier or later) from the day provided for in sub-paragraph (1).

(3) A claim or return shall not be treated as delivered to an official computer system by means of an electronic communication unless it is accepted by the system to which it is delivered.

#### **Proof of identify of sender or recipient of information**

5 For the purpose of any legal proceedings, it shall be presumed that the identity of the sender or recipient, as the case may be, of any claim or return delivered by means of an electronic communication to an official computer system is the same as is recorded on that official computer system.

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### **Proof of delivery of information**

- 6.—(1) For the purpose of any legal proceedings, it shall be presumed that—
- (a) if the delivery of any claim or return has been recorded on an official computer system, the use of an electronic communication has resulted in the delivery of that claim or return to the Secretary of State;
  - (b) if the delivery of any claim or return submitted by means of an electronic communication to the Secretary of State has not been recorded on an official computer system, no delivery has been made;
  - (c) any claim or return submitted by means of an electronic communication has been received on the time and date recorded on an official computer system.

### **Proof of content of information**

7 For the purpose of any legal proceedings, the content of any claim or return submitted by means of an electronic communication shall be presumed to be that recorded on an official computer system.”

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order amends the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998 ([S.I. 1998/562](#)) (“the principal Order”) which provides for subsidy to be payable by the Secretary of State to authorities administering housing benefit and council tax benefit.

Sections 140C(4) and 140F(2) of the [Social Security Administration Act 1992\(c.5\)](#) authorise the making, revocation or varying of an Order before, during or after the year to which it relates. Certain amendments made by this Order shall have retrospective effect.

Article 2 amends Part II of the principal Order which is concerned with claiming and paying subsidy. A new article 3A is inserted, which authorises the Secretary of State, local authorities and auditors to use an electronic communication in connection with the claim, audit or payment of subsidy where the conditions listed in Schedule 6 of the principal Order are met. Article 2 also makes consequential amendments to other parts of Part II to clarify the audit process.

Article 3 makes a minor amendment to Part III of the principal Order.

Article 4 amends the Schedules to the principal Order. Article [4\(1\)](#) substitutes the figures to be used in the calculation of subsidy which are outlined in Schedule 1 to this Order for those in Schedule 1 to the principal Order. Article [4\(2\)](#) increases the subsidy paid to authorities in certain cases to 100%. Article [4\(3\)](#) makes some amendments to calculation of rent rebate limitation deductions.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the cost of business, charities and voluntary bodies.