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**2007 No. 731**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2007**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th March 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th March 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2007</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 140B, 140F(2) and 189(1) and (4),(5) and (7) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(1).

In accordance with section 189(8) of the Social Security Administration Act he has sought the consent of Treasury(2). In accordance with section 176(1) of that Act he has consulted with organisations appearing to him to be representative of the authorities concerned(3).

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2007 and shall come into force on 1st April 2007.

(2) In this Order, “the 1998 Order” means the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998(4).

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

**Amendment of the 1998 Order**

2. Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order (rent rebate limitation deductions) is amended in accordance with the Schedule to this Order.

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- (1) 1992 c.5. Sections 140B 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.
- (2) 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).
- (3) Section 176(1) was amended by paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 14 to the Housing Act 1996.
- (4) S.I. 1998/562. The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2004/646, S.I. 2005/535, S.I. 2006/559 and S.I. 2007/26.

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

5th March 2007

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

We consent

7th March 2007

*Dave Watts*  
*Alan Campbell*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her  
Majesty's Treasury

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 4A TO THE 1998 ORDER

1. In paragraph 2 (England – liability to deduction), for sub-paragraphs (6) and (7) there shall be substituted—

“(6) The RPI figure for the period beginning with September 2001 and ending with September of the year prior to the relevant year is 1.1663.

(7) The annual factor for 2007-08 is 0.4.”.

2. In paragraph 3 (amount of deduction), for sub-paragraph (3) there shall be substituted—

“(3) The rebate proportion for each year commencing with 2007-08 is 0.77.”.

3. For Part 3 there shall be substituted—

“PART 3

WEEKLY RENT LIMITS FOR PURPOSES  
OF PART 2: AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

TABLE

RELEVANT YEAR 2007-08

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit</i>
Adur	66.34
Alnwick	51.35
Arun	70.81
Ashfield	48.78
Ashford	67.47
Aylesbury Vale	71.81
Babergh	63.94
Barking and Dagenham	65.19
Barnet	77.23
Barnsley	51.11
Barrow in Furness	57.17
Basildon	62.19
Bassetlaw	53.06
Berwick upon Tweed	49.72
Birmingham	59.44
Blaby	53.99
Blackpool	51.07
Blyth Valley	47.11

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit</i>
Bolsover	53.11
Bolton	51.89
Bournemouth	61.45
Bracknell Forest	70.86
Braintree	65.52
Brent	82.88
Brentwood	70.10
Bridgnorth	62.20
Brighton and Hove	61.62
Bristol	57.59
Broxtowe	62.82
Bury	56.57
Cambridge	69.60
Camden	86.42
Cannock Chase	56.54
Canterbury	66.10
Caradon	54.03
Carrick	52.16
Castle Morpeth	51.74
Castle Point	68.93
Charnwood	52.62
Cheltenham	61.66
Chesterfield	54.17
Chester-le-Street	51.30
Chorley	51.49
City of London	79.30
City of York	58.47
Colchester	63.33
Corby	54.45
Crawley	71.30
Croydon	81.52
Dacorum	71.95
Darlington	52.24
Dartford	65.86

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit</i>
Daventry	61.09
Derby	55.69
Derwentside	53.53
Doncaster	51.02
Dover	65.26
Dudley	59.17
Durham	52.36
Ealing	80.92
Easington	50.28
East Devon	57.42
East Riding	54.95
Eastbourne	57.87
Ellesmere Port and Neston	53.76
Enfield	74.47
Epping Forest	70.61
Exeter	54.40
Fareham	65.66
Fenland	60.63
Gateshead	53.74
Gedling	52.64
Gloucester	59.53
Gosport	63.20
Gravesham	66.11
Great Yarmouth	52.75
Greenwich	72.98
Guildford	78.31
Hackney	76.25
Hammersmith and Fulham	81.45
Harborough	59.59
Haringey	78.53
Harlow	65.55
Harrogate	61.25
Harrow	85.50
Havering	67.02

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit</i>
High Peak	54.56
Hillingdon	85.18
Hinckley and Bosworth	54.98
Hounslow	75.89
Hyndburn	53.39
Ipswich	58.20
Isles of Scilly	61.04
Islington	83.34
Kensington and Chelsea	92.15
Kettering	57.24
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	56.71
Kingston upon Hull	53.10
Kingston upon Thames	84.77
Kirklees	53.16
Lambeth	76.96
Lancaster	55.86
Leeds	52.30
Leicester	54.17
Lewes	65.54
Lewisham	69.36
Lincoln	48.63
Liverpool	56.95
Luton	61.34
Macclesfield	60.27
Manchester	59.56
Mansfield	52.76
Medway Towns	60.29
Melton	53.97
Merton	76.86
Mid Devon	60.23
Mid Suffolk	60.57
Milton Keynes	60.05
Mole Valley	74.00
New Forest	71.94

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit</i>
Newark and Sherwood	55.05
Newcastle upon Tyne	53.10
Newham	68.72
Northampton	59.01
North Cornwall	55.35
North East Derbyshire	53.83
North Kesteven	55.36
North Lincolnshire	52.59
North Norfolk	57.79
North Shropshire	56.49
North Somerset	55.35
North Tyneside	51.97
North Warwickshire	59.29
North West Leicestershire	55.09
Norwich	56.32
Nottingham	52.99
Nuneaton and Bedworth	55.08
Oadby and Wigston	54.99
Oldham	52.00
Oswestry	56.34
Oxford	72.25
Pendle	51.98
Plymouth	49.18
Poole	62.61
Portsmouth	61.30
Reading	78.84
Redbridge	81.65
Redditch	56.76
Ribble Valley	52.40
Richmondshire	57.34
Rochdale	53.10
Rochford	64.37
Rossendale	52.44
Rotherham	50.42

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit</i>
Rugby	57.37
Runnymede	79.37
Rutland	59.33
Salford	56.99
Salisbury	68.31
Sandwell	61.31
Sedgefield	50.92
Sedgemoor	59.51
Sefton	58.64
Selby	57.27
Sheffield	50.50
Shepway	62.57
Slough	76.74
Solihull	60.15
South Bedfordshire	70.02
South Cambridgeshire	70.87
South Derbyshire	56.62
South Gloucestershire	63.23
South Holland	53.44
South Kesteven	54.81
South Lakeland	61.94
South Northants	67.67
South Tyneside	51.09
Southampton	60.64
Southend-on-Sea	63.69
Southwark	75.27
St Albans	76.45
Stevenage	71.50
Stockport	52.45
Stockton on Tees	55.76
Stoke-on-Trent	53.27
Stroud	61.56
Sutton	73.84
Swindon	58.21



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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit</i>
Tamworth	58.67
Tandridge	69.79
Taunton Deane	58.89
Teesdale	53.05
Tendring	60.16
Thanet	61.82
Three Rivers	73.64
Thurrock	62.03
Torridge	53.10
Tower Hamlets	75.91
Uttlesford	71.92
Waltham Forest	71.25
Wandsworth	88.74
Wansbeck	46.96
Warrington	55.08
Warwick	65.14
Watford	72.72
Waveney	56.91
Waverley	77.60
Wealden	61.49
Wear Valley	52.16
Wellingborough	56.04
Welwyn Hatfield	71.78
West Lancashire	54.13
Westminster	91.55
Wigan	53.79
Winchester	74.09
Woking	77.96
Wokingham	76.94
Wolverhampton	54.93
Wycombe	77.77

4. For Part 5 there shall be substituted—

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**“PART 5**  
**AMOUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF PART 4,**  
**PARAGRAPH 4: AUTHORITIES IN WALES**

**TABLE**

RELEVANT YEAR 2007-08

<i>Authority</i>	<i>(1)</i> <i>Specified amount “O”</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Guideline rent increase</i>
Blaenau Gwent	48.43	1.74
Caerphilly	54.16	2.62
Cardiff	60.25	3.20
Carmarthenshire	50.60	3.03
Ceredigion	54.08	2.48
Conwy	53.01	3.52
Denbighshire	49.26	2.73
Flintshire	51.55	3.13
Gwynedd	51.27	3.07
Isle of Anglesey	49.74	2.48
Merthyr Tydfil	46.99	3.22
Monmouthshire	58.36	2.67
Neath Port Talbot	49.62	2.21
Newport	55.55	2.91
Pembrokeshire	50.72	3.12
Powys	53.96	2.51
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	49.87	2.29
Swansea	52.07	2.67
Torfaen	56.45	2.79
Vale of Glamorgan	57.99	2.67
Wrexham	49.42	3.26”

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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 (“the 1998 Order”), which provides for the calculation and payment of housing benefit subsidy to local authorities in England and Wales, in respect of rent rebates for dwellings within the authorities’ Housing Revenue Accounts.

With respect to authorities in England, the Schedule to this Order amends Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order to substitute the RPI figure, the annual factor and the weekly rent limit for the purposes of determining whether or not an authority is liable to a deduction from subsidy payable for 2007-08 (paragraphs 1 and 3). It also substitutes a rebate proportion for that year for the purpose of calculating the amount of the deduction (paragraph 2).

With respect to authorities in Wales, the Schedule to this Order amends Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order to substitute the specified amount “O” and the guideline rent increase for the purposes of determining whether or not an authority is liable to a deduction from subsidy payable for 2007-08 (paragraph 4). The rebate proportion for 2007-08 for the purpose of calculating the amount of the deduction is unchanged.

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