

1978 No. 267

HOUSING

**Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1978***Made* 7th September 1978*Coming into operation* 1st October 1978*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974*

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Articles 44 and 46 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Order") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the consent of the Department of Finance hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1978.

Appropriate percentage

2. The percentages specified in Article 44(1) and 44(2) of the Order shall, in relation to an application for an improvement grant in respect of works required for the improvement of a dwelling, an intermediate grant or a repairs grant, be 100 per cent where the net annual value of the dwelling is less than £60.

Increase of relevant limit relating to improvement grant in respect of a dwelling for a disabled occupant

3. The relevant limit of £225 in Article 46(4)(a) of the Order(b) shall be £400 in relation to a dwelling for a disabled occupant where it appears to the Executive that on the date on which an application for an improvement grant in respect of works required for the improvement of such a dwelling is approved the applicant would not without undue hardship be able to pay the cost of the relevant works without the assistance of an improvement grant.

Increase of relevant limit relating to repairs grant in case of hardship

4. The relevant limit of £130 in Article 46(4)(d) of the Order shall be £225 where it appears to the Executive that on the date on which an application for a repairs grant in respect of a dwelling is approved the applicant would not without undue hardship be able to pay the cost of the relevant works without the assistance of a repairs grant.

(a) S.I. 1976/1780 (N.I. 25)

(b) Amended by S.R. 1977 No. 240 Article 2 (II, p. 1317)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 7th September 1978.

(L.S.)

J. L. Semple

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby consents to the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 7th September 1978.

(L.S.)

F. Dougall

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Order increases to 100% the percentages referred to in Article 44 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 in determining the amounts of improvement grant in respect of works required for the improvement of a dwelling and intermediate and repairs grants payable to private persons under Part VI of that Order in respect of houses of a net annual value of less than £60.

It also increases the net annual value limits in relation to improvement grants in respect of houses for disabled occupants to £400 and also in relation to repairs grants to £225 where in either case there would be undue hardship on a person in carrying out works of improvement or repair to a dwelling without the assistance of such grants.