



Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 30

PART I

FINANCE

Rating

7 Levying of rates

- (1) Subject to the provisions of any other enactment, every rate levied by a rating authority for any year shall be levied in respect of all lands and heritages within the area to which the rate relates according to the rateable value of the lands and heritages as appearing in the valuation roll in force at the beginning of the year in respect of which the rate is levied:

Provided that where during any year the valuation roll has been altered under section 2 of this Act by inserting a new entry therein or altering an existing entry, the rate levied for the year or the part of the year after such alteration takes effect shall be according to the rateable value of the lands and heritages concerned as appearing in such new or altered entry.

- (2) Save as provided in any other enactment, every rate levied upon occupiers of lands and heritages within the area to which the rate relates shall be at a uniform amount per pound.

8 Payment of rates by instalments

- (1) Subject to subsections (3)(b) and (7) to (9) below, the rates chargeable for any year in respect of lands and heritages shall be payable by monthly instalments during the year in accordance with subsections (2) to (6) below.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, in any case where the rates chargeable for a year are payable in accordance with subsection (1) above, those rates shall be payable by ten

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instalments beginning in the second month and ending in the penultimate month of the year.

- (3) Where any person is liable for rates in respect of the occupation of lands and heritages for part only of a year or where for any other reason the demand note for any rates in respect of lands and heritages is not issued until after the end of the first month of the year, and, in either case, those rates are payable in accordance with subsection (1) above, then—
 - (a) if the demand note for the rates is issued before the beginning of the last quarter of the year, the rates shall be payable by instalments beginning in the month following that in which the demand note is issued and ending in the penultimate month of the year; and
 - (b) in any other case, the rates shall be payable in full in the month following that in which the demand note for the rates is issued.
- (4) Where any rates payable by any person in respect of lands and heritages for a year are payable by monthly instalments in accordance with subsection (1) above then, apart from any remission of rates on the ground of poverty or inability to pay granted under section 244 of the Act of 1947 or any rate rebate granted under the standard scheme referred to in section 112 of the Act of 1973 or under that scheme as varied under section 114 of that Act and subject to subsection (6) below, each of those instalments shall be of the same amount except that the rating authority may round off the amount of any of those instalments other than either the first or the last to the nearest 5p and adjust the amount of the first or, as the case may be, the last of those instalments accordingly.
- (5) Except in a case falling within subsection (3)(b) above, there shall be included in or sent with every demand note for rates which are payable in accordance with subsection (1) above a statement specifying the total rates due for the year, the dates on which the monthly instalments of the rates are payable and the amount of each instalment.
- (6) Where, after sending the statement referred to in subsection (5) above, the rating authority are satisfied that there has been, or may be, any change in the amount any person is, or will be, liable to pay by way of rates in respect of the lands and heritages in question for the balance of the year to which the statement relates, the rating authority may by a further statement in writing make such adjustments as they think necessary in the amounts of the remainder of the instalments to which the statement referred to in subsection (5) above relates.
- (7) The rates shall not be payable in accordance with subsection (1) above in the case of any person who—
 - (a) has entered into an agreement with the rating authority to pay the rates otherwise than in accordance with that subsection; or
 - (b) is liable under any enactment to pay the rates to any person or authority other than the rating authority.
- (8) If any person liable to pay rates for a year in accordance with subsection (1) above has not, after the expiry of six months of that year, paid an amount, in respect of the occupation of lands and heritages from the beginning of that year, which is equal to at least the sum of four monthly instalments, he shall be liable to pay the rates in full for the year or, as the case may be, the balance of the year forthwith.

- (9) If any person liable to pay rates for a year in accordance with subsection (1) above is, at any time after the expiry of six months of that year, in arrears in the payment of not less than two monthly instalments, he shall be liable to pay the rates in full for the balance of the year forthwith.

9 Restriction on rates payable when valuation appeal is pending

- (1) Where an appeal under the Valuation Acts is pending with respect to any lands and heritages, then, notwithstanding section 7 of this Act, until the appeal is determined the amount payable in respect of rates levied on those lands and heritages for the year to which the appeal relates or for any subsequent year shall be the total amount of rates levied on those lands and heritages for the year immediately preceding the year in which the appeal was lodged increased by three-quarters of the difference between that amount and the amount which would be payable as aforesaid apart from this subsection:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall prevent the rating authority from entering into an agreement with the person bringing the appeal for the payment by that person, until the appeal is determined, of such lesser amount than the amount recoverable under this subsection as may be agreed between them.

- (2) On the determination of the appeal referred to in subsection (1) above, the difference, if any, between the amount paid by virtue of that subsection and the amount which would have been payable on the rateable valuation as determined in the appeal shall—
- (a) if an overpayment has been made, be repaid by the rating authority, and
 - (b) if an underpayment has been made, be recovered by the rating authority as if it were arrears of rates due and payable to them.

10 Collection of rates by housing body on behalf of rating authority

- (1) A rating authority may make arrangements with any housing body within their area on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between them or, failing agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary of State, for the collection by the housing body of the rates levied by the rating authority on the occupiers of lands and heritages let by the housing body; and where such arrangements are made the rates shall be payable to the housing body by instalments along with payments of rent.
- (2) Where a rating authority wish to make arrangements with a housing body under subsection (1) above but the housing body have not agreed to enter into the arrangements, the Secretary of State may by order, made after consultation with the rating authority and the housing body, provide that the rating authority and the housing body shall make such arrangements in accordance with that subsection.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (2) above shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) In this section "housing body" means any authority to which section 118 of the Act of 1973 applies, a development corporation or the Scottish Special Housing Association.

11 Assessment roll

For section 233 of the Act of 1947 there shall be substituted the following section—

“233 Assessment Roll.

- (1) Every rating authority shall make up and maintain in such form as may be convenient a roll called "the assessment roll" containing such information as the authority require for the purpose of collecting every rate levied by the authority:

Provided that the Secretary of State may by regulations made under section 111 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 prescribe information which the assessment roll shall contain if at any time he considers this necessary.

- (2) The assessment roll shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any person interested in or liable to pay any rate to which the roll relates, and any such person may take extracts therefrom without payment of any fee.
- (3) The rating authority may, at any time before the expiration of one year after the end of the year in respect of which any rate is levied, amend the assessment roll by inserting therein the name of any person who ought to have been entered therein as liable in the rate or who since the making up of the roll has become so liable, or by striking out the name of any person who according to a written certificate by the assessor under the Valuation Acts ought not to have been so entered, or by correcting the amount of any value or rate which may have been inaccurately entered, and any such amendment shall not vitiate the rate or render it less operative.
- (4) The production of the assessment roll shall be received as sufficient evidence of the making and validity of the rates therein mentioned.”.