



Local Government Finance Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 41

PART III

NON-DOMESTIC RATING

Local rating

[42A ^{F1}Rural settlement list.

- (1) Each billing authority [^{F2} in England] shall compile and maintain, in accordance with section 42B below, a list (to be called its rural settlement list).
- (2) A rural settlement list shall have effect for each chargeable financial year and shall identify for each such year any settlements mentioned in subsection (3) below.
- (3) The settlements referred to in subsection (2) above are those which—
 - (a) are wholly or partly within the authority's area,
 - (b) appear to the authority to have had a population of not more than 3,000 on the last 31st December before the beginning of the chargeable financial year in question, and
 - (c) in that financial year are wholly or partly within an area designated by the Secretary of State by order as a rural area for the purposes of this section.
- (4) A rural settlement list must identify the boundaries of each settlement (whether by defining the boundaries or referring to boundaries defined in a map or other document), but if a settlement is not wholly within the area of a billing authority the list need not identify the boundaries outside the authority's area.
- (5) An order under subsection (3)(c) above may provide for designating as a rural area any area for the time being identified by any person, in any manner, specified in the order.
- (6) Subsection (1) above does not apply to a billing authority in respect of any chargeable financial year for which there are no such settlements as are mentioned in subsection (3) above (and, accordingly, if the authority has compiled a rural settlement list, it shall cease to maintain that list).]

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- s. 44A(5)(e) inserted by 2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 2(c)
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- Sch. 9 para. 5CB inserted by 2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 47
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- Sch. 9 para. 7B inserted by 2023 c. 53 s. 10