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HOUSING, SCOTLAND

**The Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes
(Scotland) Regulations 1973**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>22nd March 1973</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>28th March 1973</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>29th March 1973</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 17(2) of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and having consulted with such associations of local authorities as appear to me to be concerned, I hereby, with the consent of the Treasury, make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1973 and shall come into operation on 29th March 1973.

2.—(1) In these regulations “the Act” means the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972;

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. As from the beginning of the first rental period commencing after 28th April 1973 or, if a local authority so resolve, as from the beginning of the year 1973-74 the following sub-paragraphs shall be substituted for sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to the Act:—

“(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the needs allowance for each week is—

- (a) for an individual person who has no dependent children £14·00;
- (b) for a married couple £18·25;
- (c) for an individual person who has a dependent child or children £18·25;
- (d) for each dependent child of a tenant or his spouse ... £2·75;

(2) The needs allowance for each week is—

- (a) for an individual person who has no dependent children and who is a chronically sick or disabled person £15·25;
- (b) for a married couple, one of whom is a chronically sick or disabled person £19·50;
- (c) for an individual person who is a chronically sick or disabled

person and who has a dependent child or children ... £19.50;
(d) for a married couple, both of whom are chronically sick or
disabled persons £20.25;"

4. In paragraph 9(4) of Schedule 2 to the Act there shall be inserted in Head (a) of the definition of "special widow's pension" between the words "granted" and "under" the words "in respect of a death due to service or war injury,".

5. In Schedule 3 to the Act, there shall be added at the end of paragraph 4(2)(b):—

"except where the date of notification of the granting of a rebate or allowance fell during the months of September or October 1972, when, at the discretion of the authority, the period may be extended by not more than two calendar months".

Gordon Campbell,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
21st March 1973.

We consent.

Hugh Rossi,
Oscar Murton,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

22nd March 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations provide, with effect from the beginning of the first rental period commencing after 28th April 1973, or the beginning of the local authority financial year 1973-74, for an increase of £3.50 in the needs allowances for heads of households by reference to which entitlement to rent rebates and allowances is calculated. The Regulations also make a drafting change in the definition of special widow's pension and allow local authorities to extend by two months the rebate or allowance period of six months where the period commenced during September or October 1972.

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