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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 566**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) (Amendment) Order 1998**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th March 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th March 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st March 1998</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of powers conferred on her by sections 134(12) and 189(1) and (3) to (6) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, after consultation with organisations appearing to her to be representative of the authorities concerned<sup>(2)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) (Amendment) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 31st March 1998.

(2) In this Order “the Permitted Totals Order” means the Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) Order 1996<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Permitted total of benefit awarded in exercise of a discretion**

2.—(1) In article 2 of the Permitted Totals Order (permitted total of benefit awarded in exercise of a discretion) the words following “housing benefit” shall be reimbursed as paragraph (a) of article 2 and after paragraph (a) there shall be added the following paragraphs—

- “(b) for the year commencing on 1st April 1997 in relation to an authority shall be the total of the amounts obtained by the calculations set out in articles 3 and 4 below; and
- (c) for any year commencing on or after 1st April 1998 in relation to an authority shall be the total of the amount obtained by the calculation in article 3 below and the amount specified in the Schedule to this Order.”.

(2) The Schedule to this Order shall be added as the Schedule to the Permitted Totals Order.

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(1) 1992 c. 5; section 134(12) was substituted by section 121 of, and paragraph 1(8) of Schedule 12 to, the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52).

(2) See section 176(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

(3) S.I. 1996/677 as amended by S.I. 1996/2326.

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**Permitted total of benefit in modified schemes**

**3.** In article 5 of the Permitted Totals Order for the words “the year commencing” there shall be substituted the words “any year commencing on or after”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

5th March 1998

*Frank Field*  
Minister of State,  
Department of Social Security

## SCHEDULE 1

### TOTALS FOR INCREASES ABOVE MAXIMUM RENT

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Permitted total</i> £
<b>England</b>	
Adur	43,510
Allerdale	50,711
Alnwick	10,257
Amber Valley	48,572
Arun	162,688
Ashfield	49,905
Ashford	44,675
Aylesbury Vale	58,249
Babergh	39,466
Barking & Dagenham	137,870
Barnet	532,789
Barnsley	112,840
Barrow-in-Furness	84,311
Basildon	88,461
Basingstoke	56,385
Bassetlaw	54,314
Bath & North East Somerset	123,079
Bedford	95,157
Berwick-upon-Tweed	13,883
Bexley	195,543
Birmingham	860,662
Blaby	19,006
Blackburn	120,638
Blackpool	427,261
Blyth Valley	28,991
Bolsover	51,111
Bolton	169,215
Boston	22,315
Bournemouth	415,617
Bracknell Forest	60,030

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Bradford	470,010
Braintree	60,177
Breckland	46,267
Brent	782,498
Brentwood	30,318
Bridgnorth	14,922
Brighton & Hove	725,163
Bristol	401,292
Broadland	32,336
Bromley	205,873
Bromsgrove	15,790
Broxbourne	55,649
Broxtowe	45,383
Burnley	93,547
Bury	112,407
Calderdale	110,450
Cambridge	70,215
Camden	576,552
Cannock Chase	24,110
Canterbury	136,117
Caradon	74,609
Carlisle	59,003
Carrick	89,695
Castle Morpeth	11,068
Castle Point	77,066
Charnwood	71,528
Chelmsford	59,398
Cheltenham	103,348
Cherwell	102,154
Chester	65,619
Chester-le-Street	21,707
Chesterfield	58,165
Chichester	64,695
Chiltern	19,026

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Permitted total £</i>
Chorley	34,334
Christchurch	24,829
City of London	5,215
Colchester	110,960
Congleton	19,203
Copeland	45,703
Corby	48,091
Cotswold	40,684
Coventry	290,561
Craven	24,041
Crawley	33,815
Crewe & Nantwich	47,525
Croydon	584,145
Dacorum	58,327
Darlington	84,059
Dartford	63,275
Daventry	15,811
Derby	178,971
Derbyshire Dales	14,983
Derwentside	40,160
Doncaster	153,528
Dover	145,213
Dudley	78,900
Durham City	23,699
Ealing	688,358
Easington	39,543
East Cambridgeshire	26,970
East Devon	78,394
East Dorset	27,403
East Hampshire	46,981
East Hertfordshire	43,330
East Lindsey	116,281
East Northamptonshire	29,716
East Riding of Yorkshire	207,949

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East Staffordshire	46,968
Eastbourne	166,982
Eastleigh	53,466
Eden	18,411
Ellesmere Port & Neston	21,403
Elmbridge	86,732
Enfield	396,264
Epping Forest	74,281
Epsom & Ewell	38,845
Erewash	52,240
Exeter	154,018
Fareham	42,755
Fenland	62,686
Forest Heath	22,259
Forest of Dean	37,364
Fylde	64,326
Gateshead	107,915
Gedling	53,470
Gloucester	154,332
Gosport	44,039
Gravesham	83,870
Great Yarmouth	154,436
Greenwich	221,150
Guildford	78,131
Hackney	693,760
Halton	63,842
Hambleton	32,926
Hammersmith & Fulham	399,668
Harborough	16,278
Haringey	1,016,902
Harlow	43,906
Harrogate	99,827
Harrow	294,593
Hart	28,808

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Permitted total £</i>
Hartlepool	79,211
Hastings	253,790
Havant	69,410
Havering	144,183
Herefordshire	140,827
Hertsmere	45,202
High Peak	45,515
Hillingdon	196,048
Hinckley & Bosworth	26,812
Horsham	49,429
Hounslow	355,691
Huntingdonshire	53,908
Hyndburn	90,811
Ipswich	94,393
Isle of Wight	191,335
Isles of Scilly	1,000
Islington	328,073
Kennet	26,443
Kensington & Chelsea	412,644
Kerrier	85,379
Kettering	44,679
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	71,481
Kingston-upon-Hull	240,410
Kingston-upon-Thames	99,979
Kirklees	241,991
Knowsley	89,431
Lambeth	724,940
Lancaster	188,642
Leeds	699,583
Leicester	224,794
Lewes	88,358
Lewisham	486,032
Lichfield	12,856
Lincoln	80,847

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Liverpool	729,908
Luton	255,173
Macclesfield	63,304
Maidstone	77,356
Maldon	82,178
Malvern Hills	90,506
Manchester	849,836
Mansfield	64,696
Medway Towns	471,227
Melton	13,192
Mendip	78,212
Merton	247,579
Mid Bedfordshire	35,898
Mid Devon	43,695
Mid Suffolk	24,651
Mid Sussex	56,924
Middlesbrough	119,409
Milton Keynes	132,848
Mole Valley	25,388
New Forest	78,074
Newark & Sherwood	50,198
Newbury	47,671
Newcastle-under-Lyme	31,941
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	274,106
Newham	929,151
North Cornwall	79,964
North Devon	122,918
North Dorset	24,523
North East Derbyshire	21,173
North East Lincolnshire	165,818
North Hertfordshire	68,722
North Kesteven	24,225
North Lincolnshire	85,744
North Norfolk	69,163



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North Shropshire	23,118
North Somerset	218,118
North Tyneside	196,354
North Warwickshire	14,937
North West Leicester	19,954
North Wiltshire	41,075
Northampton	128,753
Norwich	108,027
Nottingham	256,377
Nuneaton & Bedworth	60,762
Oadby & Wigston	17,650
Oldham	134,438
Oswestry	17,239
Oxford	208,809
Pendle	77,473
Penwith	84,181
Peterborough	178,454
Plymouth	353,101
Poole	114,613
Portsmouth	277,431
Preston	91,279
Purbeck	29,875
Reading	224,887
Redbridge	515,490
Redcar & Cleveland	97,564
Redditch	21,978
Reigate & Banstead	59,334
Restormel	116,606
Ribble Valley	18,198
Richmondshire	14,555
Richmond-upon-Thames	143,147
Rochdale	172,956
Rochford	38,479
Rossendale	43,410

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Rother	80,804
Rotherham	85,464
Rugby	32,675
Runnymede	37,455
Rushcliffe	41,776
Rushmoor	48,322
Rutland	8,547
Ryedale	18,609
Salford	334,841
Salisbury	84,745
Sandwell	113,078
Scarborough	135,144
Sedgefield	28,350
Sedgemoor	91,880
Sefton	337,337
Selby	28,490
Sevenoaks	43,848
Sheffield	220,625
Shepway	199,760
Shrewsbury & Atcham	46,066
Slough	157,522
Solihull	44,466
South Bedfordshire	43,756
South Bucks	14,092
South Cambridgeshire	38,483
South Derbyshire	44,462
South Gloucestershire	79,481
South Hams	69,760
South Holland	19,138
South Kesteven	54,456
South Lakeland	57,356
South Norfolk	34,296
South Northamptonshire	21,240
South Oxfordshire	82,978

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Permitted total £</i>
South Ribble	22,310
South Shropshire	22,340
South Somerset	89,952
South Staffordshire	16,165
South Tyneside	140,946
Southampton	313,850
Southend-on-Sea	352,544
Southwark	390,913
Spelthorne	42,509
St Albans	43,228
St Edmundsbury	35,009
St Helens	85,141
Stafford	28,320
Staffordshire Moorlands	25,376
Stevenage	37,299
Stockport	187,923
Stockton-on-Tees	110,108
Stoke-on-Trent	123,889
Stratford-on-Avon	43,432
Stroud	56,710
Suffolk Coastal	65,700
Sunderland	192,844
Surrey Heath	31,136
Sutton	147,482
Swale	167,129
Swindon	103,024
Tameside	131,500
Tamworth	39,836
Tandridge	27,870
Taunton Deane	93,056
Teesdale	11,256
Teignbridge	108,165
Tendring	160,349
Test Valley	26,790

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Tewkesbury	31,830
Thanet	334,488
The Wrekin	72,253
Three Rivers	31,937
Thurrock	89,406
Tonbridge & Malling	37,536
Torbay	309,901
Torridge	68,272
Tower Hamlets	195,453
Trafford	141,778
Tunbridge Wells	56,567
Tynedale	13,765
Uttlesford	26,955
Vale of White Horse	38,299
Vale Royal	28,699
Wakefield	99,088
Walsall	68,615
Waltham Forest	609,193
Wandsworth	525,578
Wansbeck	26,891
Warrington	56,937
Warwick	62,069
Watford	71,045
Waveney	187,248
Waverley	51,557
Wealdon	77,903
Wear Valley	29,496
Wellingborough	41,813
Welwyn Hatfield	42,186
West Devon	46,268
West Dorset	46,390
West Lancashire	47,120
West Lindsey	37,459
West Oxfordshire	51,536

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Permitted total £</i>
West Somerset	42,829
West Wiltshire	89,235
Westminster	821,419
Weymouth & Portland	96,118
Wigan	97,552
Winchester	37,510
Windsor & Maidenhead	68,575
Wirral	378,323
Woking	45,431
Wokingham	51,439
Wolverhampton	113,643
Worcester	105,236
Worthing	147,475
Wychavon	29,142
Wycombe	55,609
Wyre	80,310
Wyre Forest	46,107
York	126,244
<b>Scotland</b>	
Aberdeen City	74,345
Aberdeenshire	57,263
Angus	37,424
Argyll & Bute	64,595
Clackmannanshire	11,107
Dumfries & Galloway	71,883
Dundee City	83,795
East Ayrshire	31,942
East Dunbartonshire	21,049
East Lothian	47,700
East Renfrewshire	22,227
Edinburgh City	458,013
Falkirk	31,419
Fife	172,455
Glasgow City	480,497

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Highland	68,488
Inverclyde	35,829
Midlothian	21,308
Moray	37,977
North Ayrshire	70,782
North Lanarkshire	43,614
Orkney	10,351
Perthshire & Kinross	91,813
Renfrewshire	51,205
Scottish Borders	26,623
Shetland	3,103
South Ayrshire	79,752
South Lanarkshire	64,483
Stirling	27,247
West Dunbartonshire	21,768
West Lothian	49,582
Western Isles	9,002
<b>Wales</b>	
Blaenau Gwent	42,254
Bridgend	95,580
Caerphilly	105,947
Cardiff	260,606
Carmarthenshire	132,726
Ceredigion	67,738
Conwy	134,185
Denbighshire	131,804
Flintshire	59,401
Gwynedd	113,809
Isle of Anglesey	68,664
Merthyr Tydfil	34,155
Monmouthshire	37,490
Neath Port Talbot	75,375
Newport	99,827
Pembrokeshire	113,108

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Powys	60,073
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	140,028
Swansea	189,588
Torfaen	33,567
Vale of Glamorgan	122,731
Wrexham	62,974

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) Order 1996 (S.I. [1996/677](#)). It sets out the basis for calculating the permitted totals of rebates or allowances for the years [1996/1997](#) and following for authorities granting rebates or allowances under Part VIII of the Social Security Administration Act 1992. The Order limits the amount by which the housing benefit payments may be increased on the exercise of the discretions provided by regulation 61(2) and (3) of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. [1987/1971](#)), and to war Pensioners and widows through modified schemes.

This Order does not impose a charge on businesses.