
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1753

**The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and
Universal Credit Functions) (Local Housing
Allowance Amendments) Order 2015**

Amendments to the Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013

- 4.—(1) The Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.
- (2) In article 4 (local housing allowance determinations)⁽²⁾—
- (a) paragraph (1) is omitted and paragraphs (2) and (2A) are re-numbered as paragraphs (1) and (2) respectively;
 - (b) in paragraph (1) (as re-numbered), for “(2A)” substitute “(2)” and in paragraph (2) (as re-numbered), for “(2)” substitute “(1)”;
 - (c) for paragraphs (3) and (4) substitute—
 - “(3) Any local housing allowance determination made in accordance with paragraph (1) is to take effect—
 - (a) in the case of a person with an existing UC entitlement—
 - (i) on the relevant Monday where that is the first day of an assessment period for the person in question; or
 - (ii) where the relevant Monday is not the first day of an assessment period for that person, on the first day of the next assessment period following that; or
 - (b) in any other case, on the relevant Monday.
- (4) For the purposes of this article—
- “a person with an existing UC entitlement” means a person who is entitled to universal credit on the relevant Monday;
 - “relevant Monday” means the first Monday in the first tax year that commences following the day on which the determination is made;
 - “tax year” means a period beginning with 6th April in one year and ending with 5th April in the next.”.
- (3) In Schedule 1 (local housing allowance determinations)⁽³⁾—
- (a) omit paragraph 2(2);
 - (b) for paragraph 2(3) substitute—
 - “(3) For all broad rental market areas the local housing allowance for a category of accommodation is—

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2013/382.

⁽²⁾ Article 4 was amended by S.I. 2013/1544 and 2978 and 2014/3126.

⁽³⁾ Schedule 1 was amended by S.I. 2013/1544 and 2978 and 2014/3126.

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- (a) the local housing allowance determined for that category of accommodation on 30th January 2015 (or, where the allowance is redetermined under article 6 (redeterminations), the allowance as so redetermined); or
- (b) the rent at the 30th percentile determined in accordance with paragraph 3, where that rent is lower than the allowance referred to in paragraph (a).”; and
- (c) omit paragraphs 4 and 6.