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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 27**

**The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2020**

**Amendment of the Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013**

4.—(1) The Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 2A of article 3 (broad rental market area determinations), for “2(2A) or (2B)” substitute “2(2)”.

(3) In Schedule 1 (local housing allowance determinations)—

(a) in paragraph 2 (local housing allowance for category of accommodation in paragraph 1), for sub-paragraphs (2A), (2B), (3), and (3A) substitute—

“(2) The local housing allowance for any category of accommodation is the lowest of—

- (a) the rent at the 30th percentile determined in accordance with paragraph 3;
- (b) the local housing allowance last determined for that category of accommodation (or, where the allowance is redetermined under article 6 (redeterminations), the allowance as so redetermined), increased by 1.7%; and
- (c) for a category of accommodation listed in column 1 of the following table, the amount listed in column 2 of that table (maximum local housing allowance)—

<i>1. Category of accommodation as in paragraph 1</i>	<i>2. Maximum local housing allowance for that accommodation</i>
paragraph 1(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)	£1,218.57
paragraph 1(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)	£1,218.57
paragraph 1(c) (two bedrooms)	£1,413.54
paragraph 1(d) (three bedrooms)	£1,657.25
paragraph 1(e) (four bedrooms)	£1,949.71”

; and

(b) omit paragraph 5A.

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2013/382. Paragraph (2A) of article 3 was inserted by S.I. 2016/1179. Relevant amendments of Schedule 1 were made by S.I. 2013/2978, 2015/1753, 2016/1179, 2017/1323 and 2018/1332.