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2018-19 Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation information

Introduction

1. This circular contains details of the Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation (RRSL) arrangements. Provisions for the 2018-19 arrangements are being made by an Amendment Order to the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998. This Order is subject to consultation with the Local Authority Associations before being laid before Parliament.

RRSL Scheme in England

2. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government wrote to English local authorities (LAs) in March 2018 explaining the updated methodology used for the calculation of limit rents for 2018-19 and how the calculation is adjusted to reflect the rent reduction measures introduced in April 2016. These adjustments include reviewing the calculation of limit rents relating to Private Finance Initiative (PFI), supported housing stock and refuge units where there are exceptions in place from the rent reduction measures. The 2018-19 limit rents in England are set out in **Annex A**.
3. For the 2018-19 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is 0.756.

RRSL Scheme in Wales

4. The Welsh Government wrote to Welsh LAs in March 2018 explaining the methodology used for the calculation of limit rents for 2018-19. The specific amounts ('O') and guideline weekly rent increases ('P') for determining RRSL are set out in **Annex B**.
5. For the 2018-19 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is 0.66.

Amendment to the Subsidy Order

6. The Secretary of State for the Department for Work and Pensions will make an amending Subsidy Order, following a statutory consultation period, publishing limit rents for English LAs; together with the specified amounts and guideline rent increases for Welsh LAs, to be used in both England and Wales to determine subsidy limitation deductions.

Limit rents 2018-19 – England (adjusted for PFI, supported housing stock and refuge units)

LA	Limit rent
Adur	£93.67
Arun	£90.45
Ashfield	£68.12
Ashford	£89.13
Babergh	£89.11
Barking	£97.75
Barnet	£107.95
Barnsley	£74.53
Barrow	£74.87
Basildon	£87.55
Bassetlaw	£72.24
Birmingham	£82.61
Blackpool	£71.08
Bolsover	£81.61
Bournemouth	£83.32
Brent	£115.86
Brentwood	£94.22
Brighton & Hove	£84.18
Bristol	£80.90
Broxtowe	£74.23
Bury	£76.45
Cambridge	£102.69
Camden	£121.13
Cannock Chase	£75.43
Canterbury	£88.11
Castle Point	£88.14
Central Bedfordshire	£101.36
Charnwood	£74.14
Cheltenham	£80.14
Cheshire West	£82.23
Chesterfield	£79.50
City of London	£106.20
City of York	£79.15
Colchester	£87.32
Corby	£78.62
Cornwall	£70.84
Crawley	£102.93
Croydon	£105.82
Dacorum	£108.18

LA	Limit rent
Darlington	£70.84
Dartford	£89.81
Derby	£78.50
Doncaster	£73.09
Dover	£84.08
Dudley	£82.54
Ealing	£101.32
East Devon	£81.52
East Riding	£79.09
Eastbourne	£79.33
Enfield	£101.10
Epping Forest	£99.17
Exeter	£75.13
Fareham	£90.81
Gateshead	£76.27
Gosport	£83.63
Gravesham	£89.44
Great Yarmouth	£74.70
Greenwich	£102.98
Guildford	£110.47
Hackney	£100.76
Hammersmith	£115.80
Haringey	£106.19
Harlow	£91.92
Harrogate	£80.51
Harrow	£113.57
Hartlepool	£100.62
Havering	£96.37
High Peak	£73.03
Hillingdon	£109.03
Hinckley	£78.30
Hounslow	£102.46
Ipswich	£82.06
Islington	£121.19
Isles of Scilly	£80.09
Kensington	£127.88
Kettering	£81.26
Kingston upon Hull	£74.98
Kingston upon Thames	£112.18
Kirklees	£69.66
Lambeth	£108.68
Lancaster	£77.13
Leeds	£74.04

LA	Limit rent
Leicester	£71.72
Lewes	£89.29
Lewisham	£96.29
Lincoln	£68.65
Luton	£86.53
Manchester	£74.13
Mansfield	£73.01
Medway Towns	£81.79
Melton	£77.06
Mid Devon	£78.55
Mid Suffolk	£82.21
Milton Keynes	£85.68
North East Derbyshire	£81.18
New Forest	£99.28
Newark	£77.98
Newcastle upon Tyne	£75.07
Newham	£97.67
North Kesteven	£76.56
North Tyneside	£76.47
North Warwick	£87.76
Northampton	£83.05
Northumberland	£68.17
Norwich	£79.22
Nottingham	£74.88
Nuneaton	£78.05
North West Leicester	£78.89
Oadby & Wigston	£79.19
Oldham	£79.33
Oxford City	£108.92
Poole	£84.98
Portsmouth	£84.78
Reading	£104.67
Redbridge	£102.63
Redditch	£77.97
Richmondshire	£77.60
Rotherham	£75.79
Rugby	£86.53
Runnymede	£110.22
Salford	£80.25
Sandwell	£81.28
Sedgemoor	£77.57
Selby	£78.21
Sheffield	£71.78

LA	Limit rent
Shepway	£84.04
Shropshire	£81.41
Slough	£106.14
Solihull	£82.13
South Cambridge	£106.87
South Derby	£79.81
South Holland	£75.60
South Kesteven	£78.67
South Tyneside	£75.22
Southampton	£84.68
Southend-on-Sea	£85.75
Southwark	£107.89
St Albans	£113.74
Stevenage	£97.80
Stockport	£74.61
Stoke-on-Trent	£70.37
Stroud	£82.37
Sutton	£106.95
Swindon	£82.74
Tamworth	£80.28
Tandridge	£98.06
Taunton Deane	£82.23
Tendring	£83.82
Thanet	£80.84
Thurrock	£85.89
Tower Hamlets	£110.64
Uttlesford	£98.32
Waltham Forest	£101.92
Wandsworth	£124.78
Warwick	£93.66
Waveney	£80.20
Waverley	£114.44
Wealden	£84.65
Welwyn Hatfield	£107.96
West Lancashire	£76.06
Westminster	£124.93
Wigan	£76.89
Wiltshire	£88.03
Winchester	£101.19
Woking	£104.18
Wokingham	£115.22
Wolverhampton	£79.69

Specified amounts and guideline rent increases 2018-19 – Wales

LA	Specified amount 'O'	Guideline rent increase 'P'
Caerphilly	86.00	5.72
Cardiff	96.69	6.29
Carmarthenshire	85.56	5.68
Denbighshire	83.28	5.68
Flintshire	86.50	5.87
Isle of Anglesey	82.38	5.73
Pembrokeshire	86.83	5.36
Powys	87.41	5.67
Swansea	84.32	5.78
Vale of Glamorgan	93.60	6.09
Wrexham	85.61	5.73