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Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation information – 2015/2016

Introduction

1. This circular contains details of the Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation (RRSL) arrangements. Provision for the 2015/2016 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.

Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in England

2. The Department for Communities and Local Government wrote to local authorities (LAs) in March confirming their limit rents in England for 2015/2016. These are set out in Appendix A.
3. For the 2015/2016 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is **0.746**.

Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in Wales

4. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has been working with the Welsh Government to consider the subsidy limitation arrangements that need to be put in place from April 2015 when LAs exit the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy system and start implementing the new policy for social housing rents.
5. The Welsh Government has recently been in discussions with Welsh LAs to establish an appropriate methodology for calculating the specified amounts (“O”) and guideline weekly rent increases (“P”) which are to be entered on the HB subsidy claim form for determining RRSL. These figures have now been agreed and are set out in Appendix B.
6. For the 2015/2016 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is **0.66**.

Amendment to the Subsidy Order

7. The Secretary of State for the DWP 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 limitation deductions.

Appendix A

Limit rents 2015/2016 – England

<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Limit Rent</u>	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Limit Rent</u>
Adur	£96.11	Dover	£86.71
Arun	£93.35	Dudley	£85.19
Ashfield	£70.31	Durham	£72.38
Ashford	£91.47	Ealing	£105.47
Babergh	£91.80	East Devon	£83.42
Barking & Dagenham	£101.67	East Riding	£81.37
Barnet	£118.30	Eastbourne	£79.65
Barnsley	£76.97	Enfield	£104.23
Barrow	£77.12	Epping Forest	£102.18
Basildon	£89.52	Exeter	£77.41
Bassetlaw	£74.46	Fareham	£92.61
Birmingham	£85.11	Gateshead	£78.70
Blackpool	£73.10	Gloucester City	£80.07
Bolsover	£84.21	Gosport	£86.34
Bournemouth	£85.28	Gravesham	£92.04
Brent	£119.20	Great Yarmouth	£77.12
Brentwood	£97.05	Greenwich	£105.93
Brighton & Hove	£86.74	Guildford	£113.82
Bristol	£83.44	Hackney	£102.62
Broxtowe	£76.34	Hammersmith	£119.12
Bury	£78.90	Haringey	£108.58
Cambridge	£105.62	Harlow	£94.96
Camden	£124.21	Harrogate	£82.99
Cannock Chase	£75.58	Harrow	£116.96
Canterbury	£90.97	Havering	£99.27
Castle Point	£91.10	High Peak	£75.32
Central Bedfordshire	£104.71	Hillingdon	£111.71
Charnwood	£76.56	Hinckley & Bosworth	£80.55
Cheltenham	£82.61	Hounslow	£105.77
Cheshire West & Chester	£84.83	Hull	£77.22
Chesterfield	£81.96	Ipswich	£87.84
City of London	£111.81	Islington	£122.41
City of York	£81.61	Kensington	£131.74
Colchester	£89.95	Kettering	£84.03
Corby	£81.13	Kingston upon Thames	£115.33
Cornwall	£72.94	Kirklees	£71.87
Crawley	£106.04	Lambeth	£111.49
Croydon	£109.11	Lancaster	£79.50
Dacorum	£111.70	Leeds	£75.87
Darlington	£72.92	Leicester	£74.27
Dartford	£92.05	Lewes	£92.17
Derby	£80.82	Lewisham	£98.92
Doncaster	£75.26	Lincoln	£70.77

Appendix A

<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Limit Rent</u>	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Limit Rent</u>
Luton	£89.27	Slough	£109.05
Manchester	£75.10	Solihull	£84.59
Mansfield	£75.30	South Cambridgeshire	£109.65
Medway	£84.29	South Derbyshire	£81.60
Melton	£79.18	South Holland	£77.98
Mid Devon	£80.68	South Kesteven	£81.15
Mid Suffolk	£84.49	South Tyneside	£77.22
Milton Keynes	£88.18	Southampton	£87.29
North East Derbyshire	£83.59	Southend-on-Sea	£88.62
New Forest	£102.26	Southwark	£111.00
Newark & Sherwood	£80.49	St Albans	£116.38
Newcastle upon Tyne	£77.45	Stevenage	£100.93
Newham	£99.46	Stockport	£77.05
North Kesteven	£78.82	Stoke-on-Trent	£72.52
North Tyneside	£78.72	Stroud	£84.84
North Warwickshire	£91.02	Sutton	£110.16
Northampton	£85.67	Swindon	£85.38
Northumberland	£70.22	Tamworth	£82.56
Norwich	£81.72	Tandridge	£101.26
Nottingham	£77.20	Taunton Deane	£84.87
Nuneaton & Bedworth	£80.06	Tendring	£85.95
North West Leicestershire	£81.14	Thanet	£83.39
Oadby & Wigston	£81.66	Thurrock	£88.37
Oldham	£72.17	Tower Hamlets	£114.00
Oxford City	£112.63	Uttlesford	£102.48
Poole	£87.82	Waltham Forest	£105.26
Portsmouth	£87.33	Wandsworth	£128.34
Reading	£107.52	Warwick	£96.72
Redbridge	£105.85	Waveney	£81.44
Redditch	£80.74	Waverley	£116.95
Richmondshire	£79.81	Wealden	£87.53
Rotherham	£78.12	Welwyn Hatfield	£110.99
Rugby	£88.93	West Lancashire	£78.24
Runnymede	£112.72	Westminster	£128.49
Salford	£77.14	Wigan	£80.26
Sandwell	£83.83	Wiltshire	£90.39
Sedgemoor	£79.75	Winchester	£104.12
Selby	£80.51	Woking	£106.44
Sheffield	£74.05	Wokingham	£117.21
Shepway	£86.46	Wolverhampton	£82.23
Shropshire	£84.16		

Appendix B

Specified amounts and guideline rent increases 2015/2016 – Wales

	Specified Amount	Guideline Rent Increase
	'O'	'P'
Caerphilly	£74.09	£4.82
Cardiff	£84.91	£4.27
Carmarthenshire	£74.55	£3.97
Denbighshire	£72.40	£3.89
Flintshire	£75.34	£4.01
Isle of Anglesey	£71.25	£3.90
Pembrokeshire	£76.31	£3.78
Powys	£76.31	£4.04
Swansea	£73.27	£3.97
Vale of Glamorgan	£81.95	£4.26
Wrexham	£74.52	£4.01