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Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation information – 2013/14

Introduction

- 1 This circular contains details of the Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation (RRSL) arrangements. Provision for the 2013/14 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 (LAAs) before being laid before Parliament.

Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in England

- 2 The Department for Communities and Local Government wrote to authorities on 30 January explaining that the existing method of calculating the limit rents in England has continued for 2013/14, although the move to *self-financing* has meant that the source for some of the data has changed.
- 3 For the 2013/14 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is **0.749**. See *Appendix A* for the weekly limit rents for English authorities.

Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in Wales

- 4 In Wales
 - limit rents are not currently pre-set, but are calculated using data collected on the Subsidy estimates and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Subsidy claim forms submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) throughout the year
 - WAG collects data from Welsh local authorities (LAs) on the HRA Subsidy claim forms and forwards the data to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). This data is then used by DWP to inform LAs of their limit rent calculation
 - WAG continues to collect the required data from Welsh LAs and advise DWP of the various amounts necessary for any limitation calculations.
- 5 For the 2013/14 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is **0.66**. See *Appendix B* for the specified amounts and guideline rent increases for Welsh LAs.

Amendment to the Subsidy Order

- 6 The Secretary of State for 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.

Limit rents 2013/14 – England

	Limit Rent		Limit Rent
Adur	£87.87	Durham	£65.57
Arun	£87.59	Ealing	£99.49
Ashfield	£64.77	East Devon	£76.99
Ashford	£85.37	East Riding of Yorkshire	£74.24
Babergh	£84.52	Eastbourne	£73.96
Barking & Dagenham	£91.79	Enfield	£96.51
Barnet	£101.53	Epping Forest	£94.09
Barnsley	£70.50	Exeter	£71.39
Barrow in Furness	£71.93	Fareham	£85.70
Basildon	£82.21	Gateshead	£72.13
Bassetlaw	£68.87	Gloucester	£74.87
Birmingham	£78.63	Gosport	£80.49
Blackpool	£67.16	Gravesham	£85.39
Bolsover	£76.37	Great Yarmouth	£71.01
Bournemouth	£79.23	Greenwich	£97.45
Brent	£109.48	Guildford	£104.63
Brentwood	£90.06	Hackney	£96.19
Brighton and Hove	£80.24	Hammersmith and Fulham	£109.59
Bristol	£76.99	Haringey	£101.34
Broxtowe	£70.37	Harlow	£88.05
Bury	£73.15	Harrogate	£77.41
Cambridge	£96.50	Harrow	£106.51
Camden	£114.81	Havering	£91.21
Cannock Chase	£71.93	High Peak	£69.98
Canterbury	£84.59	Hillingdon	£104.94
Castle Point	£85.44	Hinckley and Bosworth	£74.33
Central Bedfordshire	£96.01	Hounslow	£99.03
Charnwood	£70.52	Ipswich	£77.81
Cheltenham	£77.30	Isles of Scilly	£76.77
Cheshire West and Chester	£77.18	Islington	£109.49
Chesterfield	£74.99	Kensington and Chelsea	£121.76
City of London	£103.37	Kettering	£77.25
Colchester	£82.96	Kingston upon Hull	£70.89
Corby	£74.14	Kingston upon Thames	£107.59
Cornwall	£68.06	Kirklees	£66.83
Crawley	£97.11	Lambeth	£104.01
Croydon	£101.92	Lancaster	£73.44
Dacorum	£101.77	Leeds	£70.03
Darlington	£67.54	Leicester	£69.14
Dartford	£85.40	Lewes	£85.29
Derby	£74.54	Lewisham	£90.99
Doncaster	£69.06	Lincoln	£65.05
Dover	£81.22		
Dudley	£78.61		

	Limit Rent		Limit Rent
Luton	£82.30	Shropshire	£77.60
Manchester	£70.70	Slough	£100.33
Mansfield	£69.36	Solihull	£78.31
Medway	£78.12	South Cambridgeshire	£99.87
Melton	£72.82	South Derbyshire	£75.83
Mid Devon	£74.94	South Holland	£71.69
Mid Suffolk	£78.35	South Kesteven	£74.38
Milton Keynes	£80.89	South Tyneside	£70.65
New Forest	£93.31	Southampton	£80.25
Newark and Sherwood	£73.97	Southend on Sea	£82.22
Newcastle upon Tyne	£71.29	Southwark	£101.92
Newham	£91.60	St Albans	£106.26
North East Derbyshire	£76.04	Stevenage	£93.40
North Kesteven	£72.93	Stockport	£70.75
North Tyneside	£71.89	Stoke on Trent	£67.62
North Warwickshire	£83.13	Stroud	£78.94
North West		Sutton	£100.94
Leicestershire	£74.43	Swindon	£78.48
Northampton	£78.71	Tamworth	£76.63
Northumberland	£64.56	Tandridge	£92.89
Norwich	£75.36	Taunton Deane	£78.18
Nottingham	£71.24	Tendring	£79.63
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£73.45	Thanet	£77.91
Oadby and Wigston	£74.95	Thurrock	£81.71
Oldham	£65.86	Tower Hamlets	£104.21
Oxford	£102.10	Uttlesford	£94.52
Poole	£81.34	Waltham Forest	£96.32
Portsmouth	£80.62	Wandsworth	£118.21
Reading	£100.09	Warwick	£88.77
Redbridge	£99.37	Waveney	£75.13
Redditch	£74.29	Waverley	£105.82
Richmondshire	£74.11	Wealden	£81.05
Rotherham	£71.20	Welwyn Hatfield	£101.40
Rugby	£81.52	West Lancashire	£72.36
Runnymede	£104.89	Westminster	£118.82
Salford	£71.99	Wigan	£73.64
Sandwell	£78.06	Wiltshire	£85.08
Sedgemoor	£74.54	Winchester	£96.00
Selby	£74.67	Woking	£99.24
Sheffield	£68.08	Wokingham	£107.22
Shepway	£80.16	Wolverhampton	£75.55
		York	£75.61

Specified amounts and guideline rent increases 2013/14 – Wales

	Specified Amount 'O'	Guideline Rent Increase 'P'
Caerphilly	£69.10	£2.53
Cardiff	£78.98	£3.01
Carmarthenshire	£68.61	£3.15
Denbighshire	£66.08	£3.62
Flintshire	£68.56	£3.46
Isle of Anglesey	£64.70	£3.08
Pembrokeshire	£69.20	£3.90
Powys	£70.63	£2.60
Swansea	£67.71	£2.94
Vale of Glamorgan	£75.92	£2.73
Wrexham	£67.92	£3.49