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Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation information – 2017/18

Introduction

1. This circular contains details of the Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation (RRSL) arrangements. Provisions for the 2017/18 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 Department for Communities and Local Government wrote to English local authorities (LAs) early in 2017 explaining the methodology used for the calculation of limit rents for 2017/18 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) and supported housing stock where there are exceptions in place from the rent reduction measures. The 2017/18 limit rents in England are set out in Annex A.
3. For the 2017/18 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is 0.739.

RRSL Scheme in Wales

4. The Welsh Government wrote to Welsh LAs in June 2017 explaining the methodology used for the calculation of limit rents for 2017/18. The specific amounts ('O') and guideline weekly rent increases ('P') for determining RRSL are set out in Annex B.
5. For the 2017/18 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 2017/18 – England (adjusted for PFI and supported housing stock)

LA	Limit rent
Adur	£94.57
Arun	£91.39
Ashfield	£68.78
Ashford	£89.54
Babergh	£90.00
Barking	£98.74
Barnet	£108.99
Barnsley	£75.32
Barrow	£75.65
Basildon	£88.48
Bassetlaw	£73.03
Birmingham	£83.47
Blackpool	£71.79
Bolsover	£82.49
Bournemouth	£84.06
Brent	£117.02
Brentwood	£95.31
Brighton & Hove	£85.00
Bristol	£81.73
Broxtowe	£75.02
Bury	£77.26
Cambridge	£103.75
Camden	£122.33
Cannock Chase	£76.21
Canterbury	£89.02
Castle Point	£89.11
Central Bedfordshire	£102.73
Charnwood	£74.97
Cheltenham	£80.98
Cheshire West UA	£83.10
Chesterfield	£80.30
City of London	£107.14
City of York	£79.95
Colchester	£88.24
Corby	£79.46
Cornwall	£71.60
Crawley	£104.01
Croydon	£106.91
Dacorum	£109.31

LA	Limit rent
Darlington	£71.41
Dartford	£90.72
Derby	£79.36
Doncaster	£73.82
Dover	£84.93
Dudley	£83.42
Ealing	£102.38
East Devon	£82.35
East Riding	£79.92
Eastbourne	£80.19
Enfield	£102.07
Epping Forest	£100.18
Exeter	£75.86
Fareham	£91.74
Gateshead	£77.05
Gosport	£84.48
Gravesham	£90.35
Great Yarmouth	£75.49
Greenwich	£104.07
Guildford	£111.58
Hackney	£101.74
Hammersmith	£116.96
Haringey	£107.17
Harlow	£92.92
Harrogate	£81.31
Harrow	£114.72
Hartlepool	£101.64
Havering	£97.30
High Peak	£73.79
Hillingdon	£110.12
Hinckley	£79.19
Hounslow	£103.52
Ipswich	£82.91
Islington	£121.51
Kensington	£129.15
Kettering	£82.14
Kingston upon Hull	£75.77
Kingston upon Thames	£113.11
Kirklees	£70.39
Lambeth	£109.89
Lancaster	£77.93
Leeds	£74.66
Leicester	£72.52

LA	Limit rent
Lewes	£90.24
Lewisham	£97.23
Lincoln	£69.37
Luton	£87.41
Manchester	£74.29
Mansfield	£73.78
Medway Towns	£82.70
Melton	£77.88
Mid Devon	£79.31
Mid Suffolk	£83.14
Milton Keynes	£86.52
North East Derbyshire	£82.07
New Forest	£100.20
Newark	£78.78
Newcastle upon Tyne	£75.82
Newham	£98.07
North Kesteven	£77.37
North Tyneside	£77.32
North Warwick	£88.68
Northampton	£83.94
Northumberland	£68.96
Norwich	£80.04
Nottingham	£75.67
Nuneaton	£78.89
North West Leicester	£79.73
Oadby & Wigston	£80.01
Oldham	£76.32
Oxford City	£109.99
Poole	£85.94
Portsmouth	£85.81
Reading	£105.76
Redbridge	£103.67
Redditch	£78.80
Richmondshire	£78.39
Rotherham	£76.56
Rugby	£87.49
Runnymede	£111.32
Salford	£77.13
Sandwell	£82.13
Sedgemoor	£78.41
Selby	£79.04
Sheffield	£72.54
Shepway	£84.92

LA	Limit rent
Shropshire	£82.31
Slough	£107.22
Solihull	£83.02
South Cambridge	£108.00
South Derby	£80.64
South Holland	£76.40
South Kesteven	£79.50
South Tyneside	£75.98
Southampton	£85.66
Southend-on-Sea	£87.15
Southwark	£108.95
St Albans	£114.77
Stevenage	£98.81
Stockport	£75.39
Stoke-on-Trent	£71.11
Stroud	£83.25
Sutton	£108.03
Swindon	£83.66
Tamworth	£81.10
Tandridge	£99.11
Taunton Deane	£83.09
Tendring	£84.70
Thanet	£81.68
Thurrock	£86.76
Tower Hamlets	£111.77
Uttlesford	£99.15
Waltham Forest	£102.92
Wandsworth	£126.00
Warwick	£94.70
Waveney	£80.82
Waverley	£115.62
Wealden	£85.11
Welwyn Hatfield	£109.01
West Lancashire	£76.90
Westminster	£126.13
Wigan	£77.71
Wiltshire	£88.96
Winchester	£102.19
Woking	£105.23
Wokingham	£116.34
Wolverhampton	£80.53

Specified amounts and guideline rent increases 2017/18 - Wales

LA	Specified amount 'O'	Guideline rent increase 'P'
Caerphilly	£82.00	£4.00
Cardiff	£92.14	£4.28
Carmarthenshire	£81.59	£3.97
Denbighshire	£79.33	£3.95
Flintshire	£82.46	£4.04
Isle of Anglesey	£78.18	£4.20
Pembrokeshire	£83.06	£3.77
Powys	£83.45	£3.97
Swansea	£80.32	£4.00
Vale of Glamorgan	£89.40	£4.20
Wrexham	£81.62	£4.00