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Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation information – 2012/13

Introduction

- 1 This circular contains details of the Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation (RRSL) arrangements. Provision for the 2012/13 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 existing processes to collect base data from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to inform limit rents in England has continued for 2012/13.
- 3 In 2011, the Department for Communities and Local Government issued the Subsidy Base Data Return to local authorities (LAs). The data collected, together with the assumption that an LA is following the policy of rent restructuring, informed the calculation of limit rents for English LAs.
- 4 Following the resolution of a consultation, Communities and Local Government published these figures on its website alongside the HRA Subsidy Determination for 2012/13 so that each LA was aware of its limit rent prior to setting its rents for 2012/13.
- 5 For the 2012/13 RRSL calculation the
 - relevant RPI figure is 1.3863%
 - annual factor is 0.0
 - rebate proportion is 0.820

See *Appendix A* for the weekly limit rents for English authorities.

Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in Wales

- 6 In Wales
- limit rents are not currently pre-set, but are calculated using data collected on the Subsidy estimates and HRA Subsidy claim forms submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) throughout the year
 - WAG collects data from Welsh 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
- 7 For the 2012/13 RRS� 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

- 8 The Secretary of State 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 limitation deductions.

Limit rents 2012/13 – England

	Limit Rent
Adur	£84.29
Arun	£84.72
Ashfield	£62.05
Ashford	£82.46
Babergh	£80.99
Barking & Dagenham	£87.37
Barnet	£97.35
Barnsley	£67.27
Barrow in Furness	£69.37
Basildon	£78.78
Bassetlaw	£66.19
Birmingham	£75.38
Blackpool	£64.42
Bolsover	£72.65
Bournemouth	£75.44
Brent	£104.73
Brentwood	£86.68
Brighton and Hove	£77.16
Bristol	£73.75
Broxtowe	£67.72
Bury	£70.32
Cambridge	£92.10
Camden	£109.78
Cannock Chase	£68.24
Canterbury	£81.36
Castle Point	£82.58
Central Bedfordshire	£91.71
Charnwood	£67.50
Cheltenham	£74.61
Cheshire West and Chester	£73.50
Chesterfield	£71.66
City of London	£99.43
Colchester	£79.94
Corby	£70.95
Cornwall	£65.58
Crawley	£92.70
Croydon	£98.50
Dacorum	£96.92
Darlington	£64.78
Dartford	£82.15
Derby	£71.51
Doncaster	£66.07
Dover	£78.54
Dudley	£75.31
Durham	£63.05
Ealing	£95.70
East Devon	£73.71
East Riding of Yorkshire	£71.03

	Limit Rent
Eastbourne	£71.33
Enfield	£92.46
Epping Forest	£90.15
Exeter	£68.58
Fareham	£82.48
Gateshead	£68.91
Gloucester	£72.31
Gosport	£77.53
Gravesham	£82.18
Great Yarmouth	£67.95
Greenwich	£93.09
Guildford	£100.88
Hackney	£92.83
Hammersmith and Fulham	£105.10
Haringey	£97.52
Harlow	£84.51
Harrogate	£74.62
Harrow	£102.91
Havering	£87.40
High Peak	£67.33
Hillingdon	£101.41
Hinckley and Bosworth	£71.16
Hounslow	£95.04
Ipswich	£74.48
Islington	£105.12
Kensington and Chelsea	£116.88
Kettering	£73.90
Kingston upon Hull	£67.98
Kingston upon Thames	£103.66
Kirklees	£64.44
Lambeth	£98.57
Lancaster	£70.30
Leeds	£67.08
Leicester	£66.44
Lewes	£81.95
Lewisham	£87.17
Lincoln	£62.22
Luton	£78.85
Manchester	£68.46
Mansfield	£66.68
Medway	£75.12
Melton	£69.56
Mid Devon	£72.10
Mid Suffolk	£75.34
Milton Keynes	£77.31
New Forest	£90.49
Newark and Sherwood	£71.02
Newcastle upon Tyne	£68.31

	Limit Rent
Newham	£87.74
North East Derbyshire	£72.46
North Kesteven	£70.24
North Tyneside	£68.62
North Warwickshire	£79.25
North West Leicestershire	£71.60
Northampton	£75.42
Northumberland	£61.61
Norwich	£72.21
Nottingham	£68.48
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£71.07
Oadby and Wigston	£71.65
Oldham	£63.26
Oxford	£96.52
Poole	£78.16
Portsmouth	£77.37
Reading	£96.29
Redbridge	£96.55
Redditch	£71.32
Richmondshire	£71.23
Rochdale	£66.54
Rotherham	£67.92
Rugby	£78.04
Runnymede	£100.06
Salford	£69.40
Sandwell	£75.21
Sedgemoor	£72.07
Selby	£71.74
Sheffield	£65.15
Shepway	£76.96
Shropshire	£74.61
Slough	£96.19
Solihull	£75.12
South Cambridgeshire	£95.18
South Derbyshire	£72.62
South Holland	£68.05
South Kesteven	£71.10

	Limit Rent
South Lakeland	£80.20
South Tyneside	£67.45
Southampton	£77.08
Southend on Sea	£79.04
Southwark	£97.51
St Albans	£102.55
Stevenage	£89.65
Stockport	£67.85
Stoke on Trent	£65.13
Stroud	£75.89
Sutton	£96.48
Swindon	£75.05
Tamworth	£73.65
Tandridge	£88.97
Taunton Deane	£74.80
Tendring	£76.34
Thanet	£75.17
Thurrock	£78.32
Tower Hamlets	£99.43
Uttlesford	£90.60
Waltham Forest	£92.02
Wandsworth	£113.26
Warwick	£84.87
Waveney	£72.00
Waverley	£101.41
Wealden	£77.51
Welwyn Hatfield	£96.54
West Lancashire	£69.46
Westminster	£114.13
Wigan	£70.33
Wiltshire	£82.12
Winchester	£91.91
Woking	£95.79
Wokingham	£101.42
Wolverhampton	£72.27
York	£72.66

Specified amounts and guideline rent increases 2012/13 – Wales

	Specified Amount ‘O’	Guideline Rent Increase ‘P’
Caerphilly	£66.46	£2.64
Cardiff	£75.35	£3.63
Carmarthenshire	£65.22	£3.39
Denbighshire	£62.77	£3.56
Flintshire	£65.47	£3.09
Isle of Anglesey	£61.67	£3.03
Pembrokeshire	£65.52	£3.70
Powys	£67.26	£3.33
Swansea	£64.79	£2.92
Vale of Glamorgan	£72.24	£3.68
Wrexham	£64.37	£3.52