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Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation information – 2010/2011

Introduction

1 This circular contains details of Rent Rebate Subsidy Limitation arrangements. Provision for the 2010/11 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 to inform limit rents in England continued for 2010/11. In February 2009, Communities and Local Government sent out the Base Data Return to Local Authorities (LAs). The deadline for final audited returns to be received by them was March 2009. This data, together with assumptions that an LA is following the policy of rent restructuring, was used by Communities and Local Government to inform calculations of limit rents for English LAs.

3 Following the resolution of external audit queries, Communities and Local Government

- forwarded the final calculated limit rents to Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in February 2010
- published these figures on its website alongside the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Subsidy Determination for 2010/11 so that each LA was aware of its limit rent prior to setting its rents for 2010/11

4 For the 2010/11 RRSL calculation the

- relevant RPI figure is 1.2551
- annual factor is 0.1
- rebate proportion is 0.761

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

Rebate Subsidy Limitation Scheme in Wales

5 In Wales

- limit rents are not currently pre-set, but are calculated using data collected on the Subsidy estimates and claim forms submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) throughout the year
- data is also collected by WAG through alternative returns to inform the 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

6 For the 2010/11 RRSL calculation the rebate proportion is 0.66.

See *Appendix B* for the specified amounts and guideline rent increases for Welsh authorities.

Amendment to the Subsidy Order

7 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 authorities, to be used in both England and Wales to determine limitation deductions.

Limit rents 2010/2011 – England

	Weekly Limit Rent
Adur	£73.81
Arun	£75.50
Ashfield	£54.19
Ashford	£72.90
Babergh	£70.88
Barking	£75.63
Barnet	£85.34
Barnsley	£58.45
Barrow	£61.51
Basildon	£68.91
Bassetlaw	£58.20
Birmingham	£66.05
Blackpool	£56.35
Bolsover	£62.56
Bolton	£58.51
Bournemouth	£66.67
Brent	£91.85
Brentwood	£76.51
Brighton and Hove	£68.05
Bristol	£64.49
Broxtowe	£58.76
Bury	£61.86
Cambridge	£79.67
Camden	£96.20
Cannock Chase	£60.65
Canterbury	£71.45
Castle Point	£73.56
Central Bedfordshire	£79.73
Charnwood	£58.99
Cheltenham	£66.22
Cheshire West and Chester	£63.43
Chesterfield	£62.26
City of London	£87.45
City of York	£63.93
Colchester	£70.14
Corby	£61.64
Cornwall	£58.06
Crawley	£80.34
Croydon	£87.49
Dacorum	£83.72
Darlington	£57.06
Dartford	£72.37
Derby	£62.53
Doncaster	£57.57
Dover	£70.01
Dudley	£65.94
Durham	£55.48
Ealing	£85.15
East Devon	£64.37

	Weekly Limit Rent
East Riding	£61.95
Eastbourne	£62.78
Enfield	£81.26
Epping Forest	£78.84
Exeter	£60.16
Fareham	£72.40
Gateshead	£59.96
Gloucester	£64.06
Gosport	£68.56
Gravesham	£72.19
Great Yarmouth	£59.30
Greenwich	£81.04
Guildford	£88.03
Hackney	£82.35
Hammersmith	£91.93
Haringey	£86.02
Harlow	£74.41
Harrogate	£66.08
Harrow	£91.44
Havering	£76.25
High Peak	£59.41
Hillingdon	£90.28
Hinckley	£62.48
Hounslow	£83.49
Ipswich	£64.98
Isles of Scilly	£64.69
Islington	£92.33
Kensington	£102.62
Kettering	£64.53
Kingston upon Hull	£59.21
Kingston upon Thames	£91.69
Kirklees	£57.13
Lambeth	£86.19
Lancaster	£61.82
Leeds	£58.60
Leicester	£58.72
Lewes	£72.03
Lewisham	£76.80
Lincoln	£54.30
Luton	£68.85
Manchester	£61.54
Mansfield	£58.46
Medway Towns	£66.19
Melton	£60.65
Merton	£85.46
Mid Devon	£63.52
Mid Suffolk	£66.25
Milton Keynes	£67.29
North East Derbyshire	£62.61
New Forest	£79.29
Newark	£61.98
Newcastle upon Tyne	£59.62

	Weekly Limit Rent
Newham	£76.40
North Kesteven	£61.81
North Tyneside	£59.53
North Warwick	£68.60
Northampton	£65.72
Northumberland	£53.83
Norwich	£63.13
Nottingham	£59.51
Nuneaton	£62.04
North West Leicester	£62.19
Oadby and Wigston	£62.39
Oldham	£57.98
Oxford City	£83.41
Plymouth	£53.84
Poole	£68.73
Portsmouth	£67.81
Reading	£85.19
Redbridge	£86.29
Redditch	£62.58
Richmondshire	£62.52
Rochdale	£58.45
Rotherham	£58.74
Rugby	£67.97
Runnymede	£87.81
Rutland	£66.27
Salford	£61.39
Sandwell	£66.43
Sedgemoor	£63.94
Selby	£63.11
Sheffield	£56.80
Shepway	£67.78
Shropshire	£65.27
Slough	£84.18
Solihull	£66.07
South Cambridge	£82.22
South Derbyshire	£63.32
South Holland	£59.60
South Kesteven	£61.79
South Lakeland	£69.94
South Tyneside	£58.54
Southampton	£67.44
Southend on Sea	£69.71
Southwark	£85.02
St Albans	£88.47
Stevenage	£78.69
Stockport	£59.21
Stockton	£63.26
Stoke on Trent	£57.63
Stroud	£66.96
Sutton	£83.84
Swindon	£65.43
Tamworth	£64.69

	Weekly Limit Rent
Tandridge	£77.53
Taunton Deane	£65.43
Tendring	£66.92
Thanet	£66.62
Thurrock	£68.62
Tower Hamlets	£86.12
Uttlesford	£79.54
Waltham Forest	£80.00
Wandsworth	£98.86
Warrington	£62.44
Warwick	£73.89
Waveney	£63.08
Waverley	£87.84
Wealden	£67.96
Welwyn Hatfield	£83.44
West Lancashire	£61.01
Westminster	£100.28
Wigan	£61.19
Wiltshire	£73.00
Winchester	£80.32
Woking	£84.47
Wokingham	£88.17
Wolverhampton	£63.33
Wycombe	£85.23

Specified amounts and guideline rent increases 2010/2011 – Wales

	Specified Amount 'O' (£)	Guideline rent increase 'P' (£)
Blaenau Gwent	54.11	0.71
Caerphilly	62.57	1.03
Cardiff	70.04	1.38
Carmarthen	60.14	1.44
Denbighshire	57.81	1.25
Flintshire	61.30	1.08
Gwynedd	60.75	1.14
Isle of Anglesey	57.62	0.99
Neath Port Talbot	56.92	1.06
Pembrokeshire	60.45	1.31
Powys	62.64	1.27
Swansea	60.67	1.07
Vale of Glamorgan	67.07	1.34
Wrexham	59.70	1.22