

**2014 No. 3126**

**HOUSING**

**The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Local Housing Allowance Amendments) Order 2014**

*Made* - - - - 24th November 2014  
*Laid before Parliament* 1st December 2014  
*Coming into force* - - 8th January 2015

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 122(1) and (6) of the Housing Act 1996(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Local Housing Allowance Amendments) Order 2014 and comes into force on 8th January 2015.

**Amendment to the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997**

2.—(1) The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997(b) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (2B) of article 4B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations)(c) substitute—

“(2B) The date specified for the purposes of paragraph (2A) is the last working day of January.”.

(3) Schedule 3B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations)(d) is amended as follows—

(a) For the table in sub-paragraph (9) of paragraph 2 (local housing allowance for category of dwelling in paragraph 1)(e) substitute—

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<i>“(1) Paragraph of this Schedule defining the category of dwelling</i>	<i>(2) Maximum local housing allowance for that category of dwelling</i>
paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)	£260.64
paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive)	£260.64

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(a) 1996 c. 52. Section 122(1) was amended by paragraph 36 of Schedule 2 to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5).

(b) S.I. 1997/1984.

(c) Article 4B was inserted by S.I. 2003/2398. Paragraph 2B was inserted by S.I. 2013/1544.

(d) Schedule 3B was inserted by S.I. 2007/2871 and amended by S.I. 2013/2978. There are other amendments that are not relevant to this order.

(e) Paragraph 2 was substituted by S.I. 2013/2978.

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paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms)	£302.33
paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms)	£354.46
paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms)	£417.02.”

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(b) For the table in paragraph 6(a) substitute the table in Schedule 1 to this Order.

### **Amendment to the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997**

**3.**—(1) The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997(b) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (2B) of article 4B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations)(c) substitute—

“(2B) The date specified for the purposes of paragraph (2A) is the last working day of January.”

(3) Schedule 3B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations)(d) is amended as follows—

(a) For the table in sub-paragraph (9) of paragraph 2 (local housing allowance for category of dwelling in paragraph 1)(e) substitute—

<i>“(1) Paragraph of this Schedule defining the category of dwelling</i>	<i>(2) Maximum local housing allowance for that category of dwelling</i>
paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)	£260.64
paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)	£260.64
paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms)	£302.33
paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms)	£354.46
paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms)	£417.02.”

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(b) For the table in paragraph 6(f) substitute the table in Schedule 2 to this Order.

### **Amendment to the Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013**

**4.**—(1) The Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013(g) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2 (interpretation)(h) after the definition of “accommodation” insert—

““assessment period” has the same meaning as in section 40 of the Welfare Reform Act.”

(3) For paragraph (2A) of article 4 (local housing allowance determinations)(i) substitute—

“(2A) The date specified for the purposes of paragraph (2) is the last working day of January.”

(4) For paragraph 3 of article 4 (local housing allowance determinations) substitute—

“(3) Any local housing allowance determination made in accordance with paragraph 1 is to take effect—

(a) on the next 6th April following the day on which the determination is made; or

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- (a) Paragraph 6 was inserted by S.I. 2013/2978.  
(b) S.I. 1997/1995.  
(c) Article 4B was inserted by S.I. 2003/2398. Paragraph 2B was inserted by S.I. 2013/1544.  
(d) Schedule 3B was inserted by S.I. 2007/2871 and amended by S.I. 2013/2978. There are other amendments that are not relevant to this order.  
(e) Paragraph 2 was substituted by S.I. 2013/2978.  
(f) Paragraph 6 was inserted by S.I. 2013/2978.  
(g) S.I. 2013/382.  
(h) Article 2 was amended by S.I. 2013/1544.  
(i) Article 4 was amended by S.I. 2013/1544 and S.I. 2013/2978.

- (b) in the case of existing claims—
- (i) on the next 6th April following the day on which the determination is made where that is the first day of the claimant’s assessment period; or
  - (ii) where the next 6th April following the day on which the determination is made is not the first day of the claimant’s assessment period, on the first day of the next assessment period following that.”.

(5) Schedule 1 (local housing allowance determinations)(a) is amended as follows—

(a) For the table in paragraph 4 (maximum local housing allowance)(b) substitute—

<i>“(1) Paragraph of this Schedule defining the category of accommodation</i>	<i>(2) Maximum local housing allowance for that category of accommodation</i>
paragraph 1(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)	£1129.42
paragraph 1(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)	£1129.42
paragraph 1(c) (two bedrooms)	£1310.13
paragraph 1(d) (three bedrooms)	£1536.01
paragraph 1(e) (four bedrooms)	£1807.07.”

(6) For the table in paragraph 6(c) substitute the table in Schedule 3 to this Order.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

24th November 2014

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Work and Pensions

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(3)(b)

Table to be substituted for the table in paragraph 6 of Schedule 3B to the  
Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997

<i>“(1) Broad rental market area</i>	<i>(2) Paragraph of this Schedule defining the category of dwelling</i>
Ashford	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Aylesbury	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Barnsley	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Barrow-in-Furness	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Basingstoke	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Bedford	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Birmingham	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)

(a) Schedule 1 was amended by S.I. 2013/1544 and S.I. 2013/2978.

(b) Paragraph 4 was substituted by S.I. 2013/2978.

(c) Paragraph 6 was inserted by S.I. 2013/2978.

Blackwater Valley	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Blaenau Gwent	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Bolton and Bury	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Brighton and Hove	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Bristol	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Bury St Edmunds Canterbury	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Central Greater Manchester	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Central London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Central Norfolk & Norwich	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Ceredigion Chelmsford	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Cherwell Valley	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Chichester Chilterns	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Crawley & Reigate	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Darlington	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Doncaster	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)

Dover-Shepway	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
East Cheshire	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
East Lancs	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
East Thames Valley	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Eastbourne	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Eastern Staffordshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Fylde Coast	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Grantham & Newark	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Greater Liverpool	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Guildford	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Harlow & Stortford	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Herefordshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
High Weald	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Hull & East Riding	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Huntingdon	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Inner East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Inner North London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Inner South East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Inner South West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Inner West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Kings Lynn	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Lancaster	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Luton	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)

Maidstone	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Medway & Swale	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Merthyr Cynon	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Milton Keynes	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Monmouthshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Neath Port Talbot	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Newbury	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Newport	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
North Clwyd	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
North Cornwall & Devon Borders	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
North Devon	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
North Nottingham	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
North West Kent	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
North West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Northampton	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Outer East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Outer North East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Outer North London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Outer South East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Outer South London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared

	accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Outer South West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Outer West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Peaks & Dales	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Plymouth	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Portsmouth	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Reading	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Scarborough	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Sheffield	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
South Cheshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
South East Herts	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
South West Essex	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
South West Herts	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Southampton	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Southend	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Southern Greater Manchester	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Southport	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Staffordshire North	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Stevenage & North Herts	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Sussex East	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Swindon	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared

	accommodation)
Taff Rhondda	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Teesside	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Thanet	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Torfaen	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Walton	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Warwickshire South	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
West Cheshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
West Pennine	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
West Wiltshire	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Winchester	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Wolds and Coast	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Worcester North	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Worthing	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms).”

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(3)(b)

Table to be substituted for the table in paragraph 6 of Schedule 3B to the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997

<i>“(1) Broad rental market area</i>	<i>(2) Paragraph of this Schedule defining the category of dwelling</i>
Aberdeen and Shire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Argyll and Bute	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Dundee and Angus	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Fife	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared



Greater Glasgow	accommodation)
Lothian	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Renfrewshire/ Inverclyde	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Scottish Borders	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
South Lanarkshire	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
West Dunbartonshire	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms).”

### SCHEDULE 3

Article 4(6)

Table to be substituted for the table in paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013

<i>“(1) Broad rental market area</i>	<i>(2) Paragraph of this Schedule defining the category of accommodation</i>
Aberdeen and Shire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Argyll and Bute	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Ashford	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Aylesbury	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Barnsley	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Barrow-in-Furness	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Basingstoke	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Bedford	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Birmingham	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Blackwater Valley	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Blaenau Gwent	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Bolton and Bury	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Brighton and Hove	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)

Bristol	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Bury St Edmunds	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Canterbury	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Central Greater Manchester	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Central London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Central Norfolk & Norwich	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Ceredigion	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Chelmsford	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Cherwell Valley	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Chichester	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Chilterns	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Crawley & Reigate	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Darlington	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Doncaster	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Dover-Shepway	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Dundee and Angus	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
East Cheshire	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
East Lancs	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
East Thames Valley	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Eastbourne	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Eastern Staffordshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Fife	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Fylde Coast	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)

Grantham & Newark	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Greater Glasgow	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Greater Liverpool	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Guildford	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Harlow & Stortford	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Herefordshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
High Weald	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Hull & East Riding	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Huntingdon	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Inner East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Inner North London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Inner South East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Inner South West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Inner West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Kings Lynn	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Lancaster	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Lothian	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Luton	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Maidstone	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
Medway & Swale	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Merthyr Cynon	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Milton Keynes	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)

Monmouthshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Neath Port Talbot	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Newbury	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Newport	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
North Clwyd	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
North Cornwall & Devon Borders	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
North Devon	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
North Nottingham	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
North West Kent	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
North West London	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Northampton	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Outer East London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Outer North East London	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Outer North London	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Outer South East London	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Outer South London	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Outer South West London	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms) Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation) Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)

	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Outer West London	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Peaks & Dales	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Plymouth	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Portsmouth	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Reading	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Renfrewshire/ Inverclyde	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Scarborough	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Scottish Borders	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Sheffield	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
South Cheshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
South East Herts	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
South Lanarkshire	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
South West Essex	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
South West Herts	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Southampton	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Southend	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Southern Greater Manchester	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Southport	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Staffordshire North	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Stevenage & North Herts	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Sussex East	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Swindon	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Taff Rhondda	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)

	use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Teesside	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
Thanet	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Torfaen	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Walton	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
	Paragraph 1(1)(c)(two bedrooms)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Warwickshire South	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
West Cheshire	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
West Dunbartonshire	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
West Pennine	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(b)(one bedroom, exclusive use)
West Wiltshire	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Winchester	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
Wolds and Coast	Paragraph 1(1)(a)(one bedroom, shared accommodation)
	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms)
Worcester North	Paragraph 1(1)(d)(three bedrooms)
Worthing	Paragraph 1(1)(e)(four bedrooms).”

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1984), the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1995) and the Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/382) to make changes to how and when the local housing allowance is determined.

Article 2 amends the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997 to provide that Rent Officers must carry out the local housing allowance determinations on the last working day of January. It also inserts the new local housing allowance cap rates and the new targeted affordability funding rates into that Order.

Article 3 makes similar amendments to the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997.

Article 4 makes similar amendments to the Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013 and also amends this to change the day the new local housing allowance rate will take effect. Instead of taking effect on the next 7th April following the date the determination was made, it will take effect: on the next 6th April following the date of the determination; or, in the case of existing claimants, either the next 6th April following the day on which the determination is made where that is the first day of a claimant’s assessment period; or where that is not the case the first day of the claimant’s next assessment period following the 6th April.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the private sector or civil society organisations.

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