
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997 and the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997.

Article 2 amends the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997. Paragraph (2) amends article 4B(3A) to clarify that the local housing allowance determination takes effect on the first day of the month.

Paragraph (3) amends Schedule 1. In paragraph 4, it substitutes for the definition of “locality” a new definition of “broad rental market area (local reference rent)”. It also makes amendments to paragraphs 4 and 5 to replace references to “locality” with “broad rental market area (local reference rent)”.

Paragraph (4) substitutes a new definition of “broad rental market area” in Schedule 3B that is in similar terms to the new definition of “broad rental market area (local reference rent)” in Schedule 1.

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

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.