

## 1980 No. 328

## HOUSING

**The Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1980**

*Made* . . . . . 30th September 1980

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st November 1980

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 3(1), (4), (5)(b) and (8), of the Homes Insulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department of Finance hereby makes the following Order:

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1980.

*Homes Insulation Scheme*

2. The Scheme set out in the Schedule shall have effect and may be referred to in any instrument or document as the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1980.

*Revocation*

3. The Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1979(b) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 30th September 1980.

(L.S.)

*J. Kirk*

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 30th September 1980.

(L.S.)

*R. McMurray*

Assistant Secretary

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(a) S.I. 1978/1406 (N.I. 22)

(b) S.R. 1979 No. 424 (II, p. 1800)

## SCHEDULE

**The Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1980***Interpretation*

1. In this Scheme:—

“grant” means a grant for any dwelling of an amount equivalent to the percentage as prescribed in paragraph 3, or the money sum, whichever is the less, and

“roof space” means space between the roof of a dwelling and the ceiling of any room, which is used or available for use for the purposes of living accommodation and which is not wholly separated from the roof by any other room.

*Specified insulation works*

2.—(1) Subject to this paragraph, grant will be available under this Scheme for the following insulation works:—

(a) the provision in any roof space of material specified in column 1 of the Schedule as made by the manufacturer named in column 2 to the thickness specified in column 3 of the Schedule; or

(b) where there is no means of access to any roof space for the purpose of carrying out the principal insulation works, the provision of such a means of access;

(c) insulation, in any roof space, of any cold water tank and any water supply pipes;

(d) the provision, for any hot water tank or cylinder which is not already insulated by any means, of a jacket conforming to British Standard Specification 5615: 1978, or, if there is insufficient space for such a jacket, of other means of insulation.

(2) Grant shall only be available where at the completion of the insulation works:—

(a) any cold water tank in any roof space insulated under this Scheme and any water supply pipes in any such roof space are insulated; and

(b) any hot water tank or cylinder which was not insulated at the start of those works is insulated as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(d).

(3) Grant shall only be available for the insulation works mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b), (c) or (d) where at the same time as such insulation works are carried out the principal insulation works are also carried out.

(4) In this paragraph:—

“principal insulation works” means the insulation works referred to in sub-paragraph 1(a).

*Prescribed percentages and amounts of grant*

3.—(1) A grant for any dwelling under this Scheme is to be made on the appropriate scale.

(2) In the case of an application on grounds of special need the appropriate scale is 90 per cent of the cost of the works qualifying for grant or £90, whichever is the less.

(3) In all other cases the appropriate scale is 66 per cent of the cost of such works or £65, whichever is the less.

(4) In this paragraph, “application on grounds of special need” means an application for a grant made or authorised to be made by a person who has attained the age of 65 years, if a man, or the age of 60 years, if a woman, and is in receipt of one of the following:—

(a) a supplementary pension under Article 3 of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(c); or

(b) a rent rebate or rent allowance under Article 6 of the Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(d) or Article 59 of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(e); or

(c) a rate rebate under Article 28 of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(f).

(c) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27)

(d) S.I. 1977/597 (N.I. 8)

(e) S.I. 1978/1050 (N.I. 20)

(f) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28)

*Description of dwellings qualifying for grants*

4. The dwellings qualifying for grant under this Scheme are all completed dwellings except:—

- (a) those without any roof space;
- (b) those without a room which is used or available for use as living accommodation and all or part of which is immediately below any roof space; and
- (c) those in which all or part of any roof space is insulated.

*Persons from whom applications are to be entertained*

5.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the following are the persons from whom applications for grant under this Scheme are to be entertained in respect of dwellings within the description specified in paragraph 4:—

- (a) the occupier of such a dwelling;
- (b) where the dwelling is unoccupied, any person entitled to occupy it;
- (c) where the dwelling is subject to a tenancy or licence, any landlord or licensor;
- (d) a person authorised to apply by any person mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c).

(2) No application made by a public authority shall be entertained under this Scheme.

(3) In this paragraph 'public authority' means a public body established by or under any statutory provision or a housing association for the time being registered in the register of housing associations established under Article 13 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(g), other than one whose rules restrict membership to persons who are tenants or prospective tenants of the association, and preclude the granting or assigning of tenancies to persons other than members.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3):—

“housing association” means a housing association within the meaning of Article 3 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.

6. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 2(1)(a), an application for a grant under either the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978 or the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979 in relation to which a grant would have been payable under either Scheme but no payment has been made before the 1st November 1980 is to be treated as an application or claim made under this Scheme.

## Materials specified for the insulation of roof spaces

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Material</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Column 3</i> <i>Thickness</i>
Thermatic (Agrément Certificate 78/557 Second Issue)*	Blown Fibre Insulation Ltd	75 mm
Rocksil Building Mat Rocksil Housewarm Sankeywrap Solarwrap Marley Wrap Texas Supawarm	Cape Insulation Ltd	80 mm
	(BS 5803 Part 1)	
CIA Blown Mineral Wool Fibre (Agrément Certificate 80/712)*	CIA "The Insulation People" Ltd	90 mm
Cibco K 19 (Agrément Certificate 79/682)*	Cibco Insulations (UK) Ltd	80 mm
Shelter Shield Class 1 (Agrément Certificate 80/709)*	Diversified Insulation Ltd	80 mm
Micafil (Agrément Certificate 79/680)	Dupre Vermiculite Ltd	130 mm
Supawrap } Crown 75 }	Fibreglass Ltd	80 mm
	(BS 5803 Part 1)	
Gypglas 1000 (BS 5803 Part 1)	Gyproc Glass Fibre Insulation Ltd.	80 mm
Heatmax Spraymatic (Agrément Certificate 77/447 Second Issue)*	Heatmax Insulations Ltd	75 mm
Poliglass Blown Glass-Fibre (Agrément Certificate 80/741)*	Insulation Techniques and Materials Ltd	80 mm
Interlay (BS 5803 Part 1)	Newalls Insulation Co Ltd	80 mm
Blofil (Agrément Certificate 78/607)*	Pattison Insulations Ltd	80 mm
PI Blown Mineral Wool Fibre (Agrément Certificate 80/711)*	PI Insulation Ltd	80 mm
Energy Saver Rockwool Rollbatt }	Rockwool Ltd	80 mm
	(BS 5803 Part 1)	
Thermsave (Agrément Certificate 79/612)*	Thermsave Insulations Ltd	75 mm
Thermoken (Agrément Certificate 79/679)*	Thermoken Ltd	80 mm
Tilcon Trufil Perlite (Agrément Certificate 80/710)	Tilcon Ltd	80 mm

\*The Conditions of the Certificate require this material to be installed by specialist contractors.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order revokes the Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979 contained therein and substitutes a revised scheme — the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1980.

The Scheme made under this Order specifies the works of roof space insulation and the description of dwellings on which grant will be paid by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive under Article 3 of the Homes Insulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1978. The Scheme also specifies the categories of person from whom applications for grant will be entertained.

Grant will be available for the provision of insulation to a required standard in the roof space, to the cold water tank and water supply pipes in the roof space and to the hot water cylinder in those dwellings possessing a roof space immediately above living accommodation which is not already wholly or partly insulated. Applications will be entertained from occupiers, owners and landlords or other persons authorised by them, but will not be entertained from Public Authorities.

Under this Scheme the basic rate of grant of 66% of the cost of the insulation works is increased to 90% in relation to applications from persons of pensionable age who are in receipt of a specified pension or benefit. The money sum is raised to £90 in the cases aforementioned and to £65 in all other cases. The amount of grant payable under the Scheme is the appropriate percentage of the cost of the insulation works or the appropriate money sum, whichever is the less.

In addition the Scheme also adds 8 products to the list of materials specified for the insulation of roof spaces on which grant may be paid.

The Scheme also provides that where grant has been applied for under the said 1979 Scheme and the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1978, but not yet paid the application shall be treated as made under this Scheme.