

1973. No. 460

RATES

**Rates (Regional Rate and Belfast Special Abatements Amendment)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1973**

Made 16th November 1973

Coming into operation 21st December 1973

*To be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom
under paragraph 4(5)(b) of the Schedule to the Northern
Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972.*

The Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7 of and paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 18 to the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Rates (Regional Rate and Belfast Special Abatements Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 21st December 1973.

Regional rate

2. In the Schedule to the Rates (Regional Rate and Belfast Special Abatements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(b)—

(a) in the entry relating to that part of the district of Belfast formerly included in Newtownabbey Urban District, in column (4), for the amount 79.50 pence there shall be substituted the amount 89.50 pence; and

(b) in the entry relating to the district of Newtownabbey, in column (3), for the amount 76.50 pence there shall be substituted the amount 86.50 pence.

Belfast special abatements

3.—(1) In Article 3 (Belfast special abatements) of that Order of 1973—

(a) in paragraph (2) for the percentage 6.77 there shall be substituted the percentage 9.14; and

(b) in paragraph (3) for the percentage 13.28 there shall be substituted the percentage 17.92.

(2) The abatement mentioned in Article 3(3) of the Order shall be made where the whole of the rate there mentioned is paid by 11th January 1974 (instead of one calendar month after the rate was made) and that Article shall have effect accordingly.

Reduction of regional rate chargeable on certain persons

4. In Article 2 (Reduction of regional rate chargeable on certain persons) of the Rates (Regional Rate Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) in paragraph (4) for the amount 5p there shall be substituted the amount 7½p.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1633 (N.I. 16).

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 410.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 342.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of November 1973.

(L.S.)

David Clement,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order increases, by 10p in the pound, the regional rate payable for the period of six months ending on 31st March 1974 in respect of hereditaments in—

- (a) the part of Belfast which was formerly included in Newtownabbey Urban District, and
- (b) any part of Newtownabbey other than a part formerly included in Antrim or Larne Rural District or Ballyclare Urban District.

The purpose of the Order is to bring the level, for those parts, of regional rate and district rate combined into accord with the level of rates for the period of six months ending on 30th September 1973 by taking into account the amount of the domestic water rate made by the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners for the earlier period. The increase in the rate has retrospective effect by virtue of Article 7(5)(c) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and section 17(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(d).

The Order increases the percentage rate at which abatements are to be made under Article 3 of the Rates (Regional Rate and Belfast Special Abatements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 in respect of certain hereditaments in Belfast, in consequence of the fact that the abatements are to be made in the regional rate only and not in the sum of the regional and district rates. The time within which the abatement under Article 3(3) (discount for prompt payment) can be allowed is extended to 11th January 1974 (instead of 1st November 1973).

The Order also increases by 2½p in the pound the reduction to be made under Article 2(4) of the Rates (Regional Rate Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 in the regional rate payable in respect of non-domestic hereditaments in the former area of supply of the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners to give the same relief to the occupiers of those hereditaments as they enjoyed in respect of water rates made by the Commissioners.