

Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 65

PART VI

RATE SUPPORT GRANT

New system of rate support grants

67 Changes in rateable values

- (1) After the amount of the block grant payable to a local authority for any year has been conclusively calculated under this Part of this Act, the authority may by notice in writing request the Secretary of State to give a direction under this section if—
 - (a) the rateable value of hereditaments in the authority's area has been reduced with effect from the date on or before that which is relevant for determining the gross rateable value of the hereditaments in the authority's area for that year under this Part of this Act; and
 - (b) the effect of those and any other alterations of rateable values made before the date of the notice would, had they been made on the dates as from which they took effect, have been to produce a reduction in the gross rateable value of those hereditaments which is of such a magnitude that, expressed as a percentage of their gross rateable value, it exceeds such percentage as may be specified for the purposes of this section in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) On the receipt of such a notice the Secretary of State shall direct that the amount of the block grant payable to the authority for that year shall be recalculated in accordance with the following provisions of this section and a further payment on account of that grant shall be made to the local authority accordingly.
- (3) The power to specify a percentage for the purposes of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above includes power to specify, in relation to second and subsequent notices given

by a local authority in respect of any year, percentages higher than that specified in relation to the first notice given by the authority in respect of that year.

- (4) Where subsection (1) above applies, the amount of block grant payable to the authority for the year shall be recalculated by treating the gross rateable value of the hereditaments in their area as reduced by the difference between the reduction referred to in subsection (1)(b) above and the percentage specified for the purpose of that paragraph or, where more than one percentage is so specified, the lowest of them.
- (5) The further payment shall be an amount equal to the difference between the amount previously paid to the authority for the year concerned on account of block grant and the amount recalculated as specified in subsection (2) above.
- (6) Any amount payable under this section shall be payable without the making of any report under this Part of this Act and notwithstanding the contents of any such report previously made in respect of the year for which the grant is payable.
- (7) Before making regulations under this section the Secretary of State shall consult such associations of local authorities as appear to him to be concerned and any local authority with whom consultation appears to him to be desirable.
- (8) The power to make such regulations shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (9) A statutory instrument containing any such regulations shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.