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**HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES**  
**The Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1973**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>2nd August 1973</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>14th August 1973</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>4th September 1973</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment as respects England (excluding Monmouthshire) and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales and Monmouthshire, having referred their proposals to make regulations under section 20(2) of the Housing Finance Act 1972(a) to the Advisory Committee on Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances pursuant to section 20(3) of that Act, and with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of their powers under the said section 20(2) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 and shall come into operation on 4th September 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Housing Finance Act 1972;

“Schedule 3” means Schedule 3 to the Act, and

“the principal regulations” means the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1973(c).

(4) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, references to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended, varies and extended or applied by or under any other enactment, including the principal regulations.

*Variation of Schedule 3*

**2.**—(1) Without prejudice to the making at any time before 1st October 1973 of a scheme under Part II of the Act expressed to come into operation on that date, being a scheme taking account of the variation of the provisions of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the Act made by this regulation, the said variation shall take effect on that date and not before.

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(a) 1972 c. 47.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1973/614 (1973 I, p. 1943).

(2) In relation to any week in a rebate period or allowance period, being a week commencing after 30th September 1973, Schedule 3 shall have effect with the substitution for paragraph 8, as varied by the principal regulations, of the following paragraph—

“8.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the needs allowance for each week is—

(a) for an individual person who has no dependent children	£15·50
(b) for a married couple ... ..	£20·75
(c) for an individual person who has a dependent child or children ... ..	£20·75
(d) for each dependent child of a tenant or his spouse ...	£3·00

(2) The needs allowance for each week is—

(a) for an individual person who has no dependent children and who is registered in pursuance of arrangements made under section 29(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948 (welfare arrangements for handicapped persons) ...	£16·75
(b) for a married couple one of whom is so registered ...	£22·00
(c) for an individual person who is so registered and who has a dependent child or children ... ..	£22·00
(d) for a married couple both of whom are so registered ...	£22·75”

31st July 1973.

*Geoffrey Rippon,*  
Secretary of State for the Environment.

1st August 1973.

*Peter Thomas,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

We consent.

2nd August 1973.

*Tim Fortescue,*  
*Oscar Murton,*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations, which apply to England and Wales, further vary paragraph 8 (Needs allowance) of Schedule 3 to the Housing Finance Act 1972 ("the Act of 1972") by reference to which the amount of any rent rebate or rent allowance is calculated, so as to increase the needs allowance for any week in a rebate period or allowance period commencing after 30th September 1973 by £1.50 a week for a single person, by £2.50 a week for a married couple and for an individual person with at least one dependent child, and by 25p for each dependent child.

Schedules 3 and 4 to the Act of 1972 with which, subject to the other provisions of the Act, every rent rebate scheme and rent allowance scheme under Part II of that Act must conform, were amended by the Furnished Lettings (Rent Allowances) Act 1973 (c.6) and previously varied by the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1973. The effective date for the further variation of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 made by the present Regulations is 1st October 1973, although schemes may be made before that date, to give effect to the increase in the needs allowance, which are to come into operation on 1st October 1973.

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