

1979 No. 100 (S.11)

HOUSING, SCOTLAND

The Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1979

*Laid before the Commons House of Parliament in draft**Made - - - - 24th January 1979**Coming into Operation 1st April 1979*

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 1 and 2 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1978^(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, after consulting with such associations of local authorities as appear to me to be concerned, and with the consent of the Treasury, I hereby make the following order, a draft of which has been approved by the Commons House of Parliament:—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1979.

(2) In this order “the 1978 Act” means the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1978.

Aggregate grant for 1979–80

2. The aggregate amount of the housing support grants for 1979–80 shall be £151,700,000.

Apportionment of housing support grants for 1979–80

3.—(1) The aggregate amount of the housing support grants for the year 1979–80 shall be divided into three portions hereinafter referred to as the “general portion”, the “transitional portion” and the “hostel portion”.

(2) The general portion shall be the aggregate amount of the housing support grants as reduced by the transitional portion and the hostel portion and shall be apportioned among local authorities in proportion to their assessed net expenditure calculated in the manner provided in the Schedule to this order.

(3) The transitional portion shall amount to £100,621,847 and shall be apportioned among local authorities in proportion to their estimated entitlements to payments of subsidies for the year 1978–79 under the enactments described in Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1978 Act.

(4) Where the amount of housing support grant which would otherwise be apportionable in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) above to any local authority is less than the aggregate amount of subsidies estimated by the Secretary of State as payable to that authority for the year 1978–79 under the enactments described in Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1978 Act, and

where such difference between these two amounts equates to more than the higher of the actual or standard penny rate product of the authority for 1978–79 (as defined in section 9 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1963(a) as read with the Local Government (Rate Product) (Scotland) Regulations 1975(b)), the amount of housing support grant shall be increased so that the difference does not exceed that penny rate product; and from each such amount so apportionable to any authority which receives no such increase there shall then be made such a deduction, proportionate in each case to each such amount, as will secure that the total of such deductions is equal to the total of such increases.

(5) For the purpose of calculating the differences to which paragraph (4) above refers, the amount of subsidies estimated as payable to each authority for 1978–79 shall be adjusted so that the Scottish aggregate of such estimates is equal to the sum of the general and transitional portions of housing support grant, the rate of adjustment being the same for each authority.

(6) The hostel portion shall amount to £767,230 and shall be apportioned among local authorities in proportion to their estimated net expenditure for the year 1979–80 on the provision of hostels and lodging-houses.

Bruce Millan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
22nd January 1979.

We consent.

T. M. Cox,
Peter Snape,
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

24th January 1979.

(a) 1963 c. 12.; section 9 was amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 65), 1 Schedule 9, paragraph 54.
(b) S.I. 1975/652.

Article 3(2)

SCHEDULE

CALCULATION OF ASSESSED NET EXPENDITURE FOR APPORTIONMENT OF HOUSING SUPPORT GRANTS AMONG LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1. The assessed net expenditure of an authority shall be the amount arrived at by addition of the amounts specified in items (1) to (4) below as reduced by the amounts specified in items (5) and (6) below, modified (where appropriate) as indicated in paragraph 2 below.

AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN CALCULATION OF ASSESSED NET EXPENDITURE

- (1) Estimated loan charges due to be debited to the authority's housing revenue account for 1977-78 under paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972(a) (other than loan charges in respect of hostels and lodging-houses), multiplied by the ratio which the Secretary of State's estimate of the Scottish aggregate of such loan charges for 1979-80 bears to the aggregate of these estimates for 1977-78.
- (2) £146.492517 multiplied by the number of houses of the authority.
- (3) £146.492517 multiplied by the number of high-rise houses of the authority.
- (4) Where the number of houses of the authority and the number obtained by dividing the area of the authority expressed in hectares by the population of the authority are as specified in any line in Columns (1) and (2) respectively (being the same line in relation to both columns) of the Table below, the amount derived by multiplying the number of pounds specified in the same line in Column (3) of that Table by the number of houses of the authority.
- (5) £234.319353 multiplied by the number of houses of the authority.
- (6) The lesser of the two following amounts—
- (a) £9.834486 multiplied by the population of the authority.
- (b) £115.765357 multiplied by the number of houses of the authority.

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TABLE

Para. 1(4).

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>
No. of houses	Area in hectares per head of total population	£
Not exceeding 3,000	Exceeding 4 but not exceeding 8	7.792220
„	Exceeding 8 but not exceeding 12	15.584439
„	Exceeding 12	23.376659
Exceeding 3,000 but not exceeding 5,000	Exceeding 8 but not exceeding 12	15.584439
„	Exceeding 12	23.376659

2.—(1) For the purposes of this paragraph, the amount arrived at by the subtraction of the sum of the amounts specified in items (5) and (6)(a) of

(a) 1972 c. 46.; paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 was amended by the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 28), Schedule 4, and the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 14), section 11.

paragraph 1 above from the sum of the amounts specified in items (1) to (4) of that paragraph shall be referred to as the "basic amount"; and the amount arrived at by the subtraction of the sum of the amounts specified in items (5) and (6)(b) of paragraph 1 above from the sum of the amounts specified in items (1) to (4) of that paragraph shall be referred to as the "alternative amount".

(2) From the basic amount of each of those authorities in respect of which the said item (6)(a) is less than the said item (6)(b) there shall be made such a deduction, proportionate in each case to each such amount, as will secure that the total of such deductions is equal to the aggregate of the differences between the alternative amounts and the basic amounts of those authorities in respect of which the said item (6)(b) is less than the said item (6)(a).

3. For the purpose of this Schedule—

- (a) the number of houses of an authority shall be the number of houses to which the housing revenue account of that authority at 30th September 1977 relates and the number of high-rise houses shall be construed accordingly;
- (b) a high-rise house shall be a dwelling contained in any block of flats which is of five or more storeys with a lift;
- (c) the population of an authority shall be the home population of that authority as estimated by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland in relation to 30th June 1977, adjusted by the addition of the average annual change in these estimates from 30th June 1974 to 30th June 1977;
- (d) the area of a local authority expressed in hectares shall be that certified by the Ordnance Survey.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order in relation to the year 1979-80—

- (i) fixes the estimated aggregate amount of the housing support grants payable under section 1 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1978 to local authorities in Scotland; and
- (ii) prescribes the method of apportionment of housing support grants among those authorities.

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