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## LAND DRAINAGE

**The Water Authority Expenses (Limitation of Precepts) Order 1980**

*Made - - - - - 19th December 1980*

*Laid before Parliament 5th January 1981*

*Coming into Operation 1st April 1981*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 46(5) of the Land Drainage Act 1976(a) and section 181(4) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Water Authority Expenses (Limitation of Precepts) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

*Specification of number in connection with limitation of precepts*

2. The number specified for the purposes of section 46(5) of the Land Drainage Act 1976 shall be 2.5.

*Specification of rate period*

3. The rate period specified for the purposes of section 181(4) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (from the beginning of which period the exercise of the powers of section 46(5) of the Land Drainage Act 1976 as amended by section 181(1) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 has effect) shall be the rate period next beginning after 31st March 1981.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th December 1980.

(L.S.)

*Peter Walker,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.  
17th December 1980.

(a) 1976 c. 70; section 46(5) was amended by section 181(1) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 46 of the Land Drainage Act 1976 empowers a water authority, in respect of each local land drainage district in the water authority area, to issue precepts to a county council or London borough council requiring payment of the amount of the land drainage expenses of the water authority apportioned under that Act in respect of any part of the local land drainage district which is within the council's area. Section 46(5) of the Act limits the aggregate amount for which such precepts may be issued for any one financial year (in the absence of special consent) to the amount calculated by multiplying the estimated penny rate product for the area of the council comprised within the relevant local land drainage district by such a number as may be specified by order. This order accordingly specifies 2.5 as the number for the purposes of section 46(5) of the Act.

The order has effect in relation to every rate period beginning after 31st March 1981.

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