
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulation 3 of these Regulations provides for the transfer to the tribunals established by the Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals Regulations 1989 (S.I. 1989/439) of the jurisdiction of local valuation courts to hear and determine appeals and applications in connection with—

- (a) the valuation of property for rating, under the General Rate Act 1967 (“the 1967 Act”);
- (b) the amounts of rateable value attributable to such parts of institutions as are used for the care and welfare of the disabled, under the Rating (Disabled Persons) Act 1978;
- (c) certificates as to the proportion of a mixed hereditament used for the purposes of a private dwelling, in connection with entitlement to domestic rate relief under section 48 of the 1967 Act; and
- (d) valuation for drainage rates under the Land Drainage Act 1976.

The transfer is to take place on 1st May 1989, on which date the local valuation courts are wound up.

Regulation 4 makes transitional provision in relation to appeals and applications instituted or made before that date, and includes provision for determining which tribunal is to deal with each. It also introduces Schedule 1, which makes provision for the transfer of local valuation panel staff to the employment of the tribunals.

Regulation 5 makes provision for savings and repeals, and introduces Schedule 2, which in addition to making provision consequential on the transfer of jurisdiction to the tribunals amends the General Rate Act 1967 so that appeals provided for by or under that Act and the Rating (Disabled Persons) Act 1978 can be dealt with, where the parties so agree, by written representations instead of at a hearing.