
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Rent Officers (Additional Functions) Order 1990 which conferred functions on rent officers in connection with housing benefit and rent allowance subsidy.

The main amendments are in article 2(4) and relate to the provisions requiring rent officers to make determinations and redeterminations about whether the rent payable under a tenancy or licence of a dwelling is exceptionally high. The Order also redefines “local authority” so that it will include Welsh county and county borough councils (article 2(2)) and enables applications for any determination or redetermination under the 1990 Order to be made by electronic means (article 2(3)).

Article 3 stops the amendments affecting applications for determinations made before this Order comes into force or applications for redeterminations relating to such determinations.