
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 1544

The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2013

Amendment of the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997

- 2.—(1) The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997(1) is amended as follows.
- (2) In article 2(1) (interpretation)(2) omit the definition of “applicable consumer prices index”.
- (3) In article 4B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations)(3)—
- (a) in paragraph (2A), for “In 2012 and in each subsequent year, no more than 20 working days after the applicable consumer prices index is published,” substitute “In 2014 and in each subsequent year, on the date specified in paragraph (2B),”; and
 - (b) after paragraph (2A) insert—
 - “(2B) The date specified for the purposes of paragraph (2A) is—
 - (a) 15th January where that is a Tuesday; or
 - (b) where 15th January is not a Tuesday, the first Tuesday following 15th January.”
- (4) In Schedule 3B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations)(4), in paragraph 2 (local housing allowance for category of dwelling in paragraph 1)(5)—
- (a) for sub-paragraph (11) substitute—
 - “(11) The amount to be determined by the rent officer for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1A) is the local housing allowance last determined for that category of dwelling increased by one per cent.”; and
 - (b) omit sub-paragraph (13).

(1) [S.I. 1997/1984](#).

(2) The definition of “consumer prices index” was inserted in article 2(1) by [S.I. 2012/646](#). There are other amendments to that article which are not relevant to this instrument.

(3) Article 4B was inserted by [S.I. 2003/2398](#). Paragraph (2A) was inserted by [S.I. 2007/2871](#) and amended by [S.I. 2012/646](#). There are other amendments to that article which are not relevant to this instrument.

(4) Schedule 3B was inserted by [S.I. 2007/2871](#).

(5) Paragraph 2(11) was amended by [S.I. 2010/2836](#) and substituted by [S.I. 2012/646](#). Paragraph 2(13) was inserted by [S.I. 2012/646](#).