

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 27

The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2020

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 paragraph (1B) of article 4B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations), for “2(2A) or (2B)” substitute “2(2)”.

(3) In Schedule 3B (broad rental market area determinations and local housing allowance determinations)—

(a) In paragraph 2 (local housing allowance for category of dwelling in paragraph 1), for sub-paragraphs (2A), (2B), (3) and (3A) substitute—

“(2) The local housing allowance for any category of dwelling is the lowest of—

- (a) the rent at the 30th percentile determined in accordance with sub-paragraphs (4) to (8);
- (b) the local housing allowance last determined for that category of dwelling (or, where the determination is amended under article 7A(4) (errors), the allowance provided for in the amended determination), increased by 1.7%; and
- (c) for a category of dwelling listed in column 1 of the following table, the amount listed in column 2 of that table (maximum local housing allowance)—

<i>1. Category of dwelling as specified in paragraph 1</i>	<i>Maximum local housing allowance for that category of dwelling</i>
paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)	£281.21
paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)	£281.21
paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms)	£326.19
paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms)	£382.43
paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms)	£449.94”

; and

(b) omit paragraph 5A.

(1) S.I. 1997/1984. Article 4B was inserted by S.I. 2003/2398, and paragraph (1B) of that article was inserted by S.I. 2016/1179. Schedule 3B was inserted by S.I. 2007/2871, and relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2013/2978, 2015/1753, 2016/1179, 2017/1323 and 2018/1332.