
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997 ([S.I. 1997/1984](#)), the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Order 1997 ([S.I. 1997/1995](#)) (S. 144) and the Rent Officers (Universal Credit Functions) Order 2013 ([S.I. 2013/382](#)) to make changes to when Broad Rental Market Area Determinations take effect. It also modifies those Orders to make provision for the determination of local housing allowances in 2022.

Articles 2 and 3 amend [S.I. 1997/1984](#) and [1997/1995](#) to provide that a change to a Broad Rental Market Area Determination will take effect from the next 1st April following the day on which the determination is made.

Article 4 amends [S.I. 2013/382](#) to provide that a change to a Broad Rental Market Area Determination will take effect from the first Monday of the first tax year that follows the day on which the determination is made.

Articles 5, 6 and 7 modify the above Rent Officers Orders to provide that, for all broad rental market areas, the local housing allowance for any category of dwelling or accommodation is the allowance determined for that category of dwelling or accommodation on 31st March 2020. The modification will apply for the purposes of determining local housing allowances in 2022.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.