

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 702 (W.61)

COUNCIL TAX, WALES

The Council Tax (Reductions for Disabilities and Transitional Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Council Tax (Reductions for Disabilities) Regulations 1992 ("the 1992 Regulations") and the Council Tax (Transitional Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2004 ("the 2004 Regulations").

These Regulations are made under section 13 (Reduced amounts) and section 13B (Transitional arrangements) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("the 1992 Act"). Section 13 of the 1992 Act permits the National Assembly for Wales to make regulations which provide that the amount a person is liable to pay to a billing authority in respect of council tax for a financial year shall be an amount which is less than the amount it would be apart from the regulations. Section 13B of the 1992 Act gives the National Assembly for Wales the power to make regulations which make provision for the purpose of smoothing changes in council tax liability resulting from the coming into force, in relation to a billing authority in Wales, of an order under section 5 of the 1992 Act or a list under section 22B of the 1992 Act.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 4(3A)(a) of the 1992 Regulations so as to take account of the effect of the Council Tax (Valuation Bands) (Wales) Order 2003 which introduced valuation band I in Wales.

Regulation 4 amends typographical errors in the Welsh text of regulations 3(5) and 4 of the 2004 Regulations.

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Made 15 March 2005 Coming into force 16 March 2005

The National Assembly for Wales makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State under section 13(1) to (4), (6) and (7) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992(1) which are now vested in the National Assembly for Wales so far as exercisable in Wales(2) and in exercise of the powers conferred on the National Assembly for Wales under section 13B of that Act:

Name, commencement and application

- 1.-(1) These Regulations are called the Council Tax (Reductions for Disabilities and Transitional Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and come into force on 16 March 2005.
 - (2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales only.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations -

"the 1992 Regulations" means the Council Tax (Reductions for Disabilities) Regulations 1992(3); and

"the 2004 Regulations" means the Council Tax (Transitional Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2004(4).

Amendment to the 1992 Regulations

- 3.-(1) The 1992 Regulations are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).
- (2) In regulation 4(3A)(a), for "B to H", substitute "B to I".

Amendments to the 2004 Regulations

- 4.-(1) The 2004 Regulations are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (2) In the Welsh text of regulation 3(5) -
- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "4(3)" substitute "4(2)";
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for "4(4)" substitute "4(3)"; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c), for "4(5)" substitute "4(4)".

^{(1) 1992} c.14.

⁽²⁾ See the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672).

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1992/554 as amended by S.I. 1993/195 and S.I. 1999/1004.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 2004/3142 (W.270).

- (3) In the Welsh text of regulation 4 -
 - (a) in paragraph (3)(a), for "(2)" substitute "(3)"; and
- (b) in paragraph (4)(a), for "(2)" substitute "(4)".

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(1)

15 March 2005

D. Elis-Thomas

The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly

^{(1) 1998} c.38.

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