STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# HOUSING

## The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2017

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| *Made - - - -* | *at 11.08 a.m. on 21st December 2017* |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *at 2.00 p.m. on 21st December 2017* |
| *Coming into force - -* | *26th January 2018* |

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 122(1) and (6) of the Housing Act 1996(**1**).

### Citation and commencement

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2017 and comes into force on 26th January 2018.

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

**2.**—(1) The Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Order 1997(**2**) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 4B(3A) (date on which a broad rental market area determination takes effect)(**3**), for sub-paragraph (b) substitute—

"(b) for all other purposes—

(i) on the next 1st April following the day on which the determination is made; or

(ii) where the next 1st April is within 11 months beginning with the day on which the determination is made, on the next 1st April after that.".

(3) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 3B (broad rental market determinations and local housing allowance determinations)(**4**)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (3)(a), for "determined for that category of dwelling on 30th January 2015" substitute "last determined for that category of dwelling";

(**1**) 1996 c.52. Section 122(1) was amended by paragraph 36 of Schedule 2 to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5).
(**2**) S.I. 1997/1984.
(**3**) Article 4B was inserted by S.I. 2003/2398 and paragraph (3A) was inserted by S.I. 2007/2871 and substituted by S.I. 2012/646.
(**4**) Schedule 3B was inserted by S.I. 2007/2871 and amended by S.I. 2013/2978, 2014/3126, 2015/1573 and 2016/1179. There are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(b) in sub-paragraph (3A)–

(i) in paragraph (a), for "determined for that category of dwelling on 30th January 2015" substitute "last determined for that category of dwelling";

(ii) for the table in paragraph (b), substitute—

| *"1. Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule* | *2. Maximum local housing allowance for that category of dwelling* |
|---|---|
| paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) | £268.46 |
| paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) | £268.46 |
| paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) | £311.40 |
| paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) | £365.09 |
| paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) | £429.53" |

(4) For the table in paragraph 5A of Schedule 3B, substitute—

| *"1. Broad rental market area* | *2. Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule* |
|---|---|
| Ashford | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Ashford | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Aylesbury | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Aylesbury | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Aylesbury | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Barrow-in-Furness | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Basingstoke | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Bath | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Bath | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Bath | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Bath | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Bedford | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Bedford | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Bedford | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Bedford | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Bedford | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Birmingham | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Bolton and Bury | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |

| *"1. Broad rental market area* | *2. Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule* |
|---|---|
| Bolton and Bury | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Bridgend | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Brighton and Hove | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Bristol | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Bristol | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Bristol | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Bristol | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Bristol | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Bury St Edmunds | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Bury St Edmunds | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Bury St Edmunds | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Bury St Edmunds | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Bury St Edmunds | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Caerphilly | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Cambridge | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Cambridge | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Cambridge | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Cambridge | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Central London | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Central London | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Central London | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Central London | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Central London | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Chelmsford | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Chelmsford | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Chelmsford | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Chelmsford | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Cheltenham | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Cherwell Valley | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |

| *"1. Broad rental market area* | *2. Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule* |
|---|---|
| Cherwell Valley | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Chesterfield | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Chilterns | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Chilterns | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Coventry | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Crawley & Reigate | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Crawley & Reigate | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Crawley & Reigate | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Darlington | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| East Thames Valley | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| East Thames Valley | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Eastbourne | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Guildford | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Guildford | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Guildford | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Harlow & Stortford | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Harlow & Stortford | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Harlow & Stortford | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Harlow & Stortford | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Harlow & Stortford | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Herefordshire | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Herefordshire | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Huntingdon | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Huntingdon | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Huntingdon | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Inner East London | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Inner East London | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Inner East London | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |

| *"1. Broad rental market area* | *2. Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule* |
|---|---|
| Inner East London | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Inner East London | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Inner North London | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Inner North London | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Inner North London | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Inner North London | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Inner North London | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Inner South East London | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Inner South East London | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Inner South East London | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Inner South West London | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Inner South West London | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Inner South West London | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Inner South West London | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Inner West London | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Inner West London | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Inner West London | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Ipswich | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Ipswich | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Ipswich | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Leicester | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Luton | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Luton | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |
| Luton | paragraph 1(1)(c) (two bedrooms) |
| Luton | paragraph 1(1)(d) (three bedrooms) |
| Luton | paragraph 1(1)(e) (four bedrooms) |
| Maidstone | paragraph 1(1)(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation) |
| Maidstone | paragraph 1(1)(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use) |