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HOUSING

The Homes Insulation Scheme and Grants Order (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made	*28th October 1983*
Coming into operation . . .	*21st November 1983*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 86(1), (2), (3), (4)(*b*), (5) and (7) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**) to Article 3 hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Homes Insulation Scheme and Grants Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 21st November 1983.

Homes Insulation Scheme

2. The Scheme set out in the Schedule shall have effect and may be referred to in any instrument or document as the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1983.

Amounts of grants

3. The grants prescribed for the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1983 shall be as set out in paragraph 3 of that Scheme.

Revocation

4. The Homes Insulation Scheme and Grants (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(**c**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 28th October 1983.

(L.S.) *J. M. Beckett*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves Article 3 of the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 28th October 1983.

(L.S.) *D. W. Alexander*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1981/156 (N.I. 3)
(**b**) Formerly Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**c**) S.R. 1982 No. 419

SCHEDULE

The Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1983

Interpretation

1. In this Scheme:—

"grant" means a grant for any house of an amount equivalent to the percentage as prescribed in paragraph 3, or the money sum, whichever is the less;

"roof space" means space between the roof of a house and the ceiling of any room, which is used or available for use for the purposes of living accommodation and which is not wholly separated fom the roof by any other room.

Specified insulation works

2.—(1) Subject to this paragraph, grant will be available under this Scheme for the following insulation works:—

(*a*) the provision in any roof space of material specified in column 1 of the Schedule to the thickness specified in column 2 of the Schedule;

(*b*) where there is no means of access to any roof space for the purpose of carrying out the principal insulation works, the provision of such a means of access, including a permanent means of access;

(*c*) insulation, in any roof space, of any cold water tank and any water supply pipes;

(*d*) the provision, for any hot water tank or cylinder which is not already insulated by any means, of a jacket conforming to British Standard Specification 5615: 1978 or, if there is insufficient space for such a jacket, of other means of insulation.

(2) Grant shall only be available where at the completion of the insulation works:—

(*a*) any cold water tank in any roof space insulated under this Scheme and any water supply pipes in any such roof space are insulated; and

(*b*) any hot water tank or cylinder which was not insulated at the start of those works is insulated as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(*d*).

(3) Grant shall only be available for the insulation works mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(*b*), (*c*) or (*d*) where at the same time as such insulation works are carried out the principal insulation works are also carried out.

(4) In this paragraph:—

"principal insulation works" means the insulation works referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(*a*).

Prescribed percentages and amounts of grants

3.—(1) A grant for any house under this Scheme is to be made on the appropriate scale.

(2) In the case of an application on grounds of special need the appropriate scale is 90 per cent. of the cost of the works qualifying for grant or £95, whichever is the less.

(3) In all other cases the appropriate scale is 66 per cent. of the cost of such works or £69, whichever is the less.

(4) In this paragraph:—

"advanced education" means full-time education by attendance at an educational establishment for the purposes of—

(*a*) a course in preparation for a degree, a diploma of higher education, a higher national diploma, a higher diploma of the Technician Education Council, a higher national diploma of the Business Education Council or a teaching qualification; or

(*b*) any other course which is certified by the Department of the Environment as being a course of a standard above ordinary national diploma, a diploma of the Technician Education Council, a national diploma of the Business Education Council or general certificate of education (advanced level);

"application on grounds of special need" means an application for a grant made or authorised to be made:—

(*a*) by a person who has attained the age of 65 years if a man or the age of 60 years if a woman and who is in receipt of a supplementary pension, rent rebate, rent allowance or rate rebate; or

(*b*) by a person who, or one of whose dependants, is severely disabled and who is in receipt of supplementary allowance, rent rebate, rent allowance or rate rebate.

"a rate rebate", "a rent rebate" and "a rent allowance" have the meanings assigned under Article 2(2) of the Housing Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**a**);

"a supplementary allowance" means a supplementary allowance under Article 3 of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**b**);

"a supplementary pension" means a supplementary pension under Article 3 of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

"dependant" means:—

(*a*) the applicant's spouse living with the applicant;

(*b*) a person with whom the applicant is living as though they were husband and wife;

(*c*) a person who resides in the house in respect of which the application is made and whose requirements are provided for by the applicant or a person described in (*a*) or (*b*) above and who is either

(i) a person in respect of whom child benefit is paid or is payable under the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**c**); or

(ii) under the age of sixteen; or

(iii) aged sixteen or over but under the age of twenty and receiving full-time education at a school, college or other similar educational establishment, other than advanced education;

"severely disabled" means a person:

(*a*) who is in receipt of:—

(i) attendance allowances under section 35 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**d**);

(ii) an increase under section 61 of the said Act of 1975, of the weekly rate of disablement pension where constant attendance is needed;

(iii) a constant attendance allowance under Article 14 of the Naval, Military and Air Forces, etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 1978(**e**);

(iv) mobility allowance under section 37A of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 as inserted by Article 24 of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**f**);

(v) a grant under Article 30(3) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**g**) (provision of vehicles for disabled persons) towards the cost of maintaining a vehicle belonging to a person referred to in Article 30(1) of that Order;

(vi) an amount pursuant to Article 26 of the Naval, Military and Air Forces, etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 1978 (provision of expenses in respect of appropriate aids for disabled living) in respect of the cost of providing a vehicle for, or maintaining a vehicle belonging to, a disabled person;

(*b*) for whom an invalid carriage or other vehicle has been provided pursuant to Article 30 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

Description of houses qualifying for grant

4. The houses qualifying for grant under this Scheme are all completed houses except:—

(*a*) those without any roof space; and

(*b*) those in which insulation material is provided in all or any part of any roof space.

(**a**) S.I. 1983/1121 (N.I. 14)
(**b**) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27)
(**c**) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)
(**d**) 1975 c. 15
(**e**) S.I. 1978/1525
(**f**) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)
(**g**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)