1980 No. 213

HOUSING

Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . *26th June 1980*

Coming into operation . . . *1st August 1980*

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Articles 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 53 and 55 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Order") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the consent of the Department of Finance in respect of Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1980.

Revocation and transitional provisions

2.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), the Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977(b) and the Housing (Improvement, Intermediate and Repairs Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978(c) are hereby revoked.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall affect any obligation of the Executive to pay an improvement, intermediate or repairs grant where it has approved an application for such a grant before the coming into operation of this Order as if the Orders mentioned in paragraph (1) had not been revoked.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), this Order shall apply where the Executive has received an application for an improvement, intermediate or repairs grant before the coming into operation of this Order but approves the application after that date.

(4) Where before the date of the coming into operation of this Order, the Executive received an application for an improvement grant in respect of works for the improvement of a dwelling, the net annual value of which is less than £60, but approves the application after that date, the percentages specified in Article 44(1) and Article 44(2) of the Order shall be 100 per cent.

Appropriate percentage

3.—(1) The percentages specified in Article 44(1) and 44(2) of the Order shall in relation to an application for an intermediate grant or repairs grant be 100 per cent where the net annual value of the dwelling is less than £60.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1), where it appears to the Executive that the applicant for any grant will not without undue hardship be able to finance the cost of so much of the relevant works as is not met by the grant the appropriate percentage specified in Article 44(1) shall be 90 per cent.

(a) S.I. 1976/1780 (N.I. 25)
(b) S.R. 1977 No. 240 (II, p. 1317)
(c) S.R. 1978 No. 267 (II, p. 929)

(3) Subject to paragraph (1), if the dwelling is subject to a protected or statutory tenancy under the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**d**) the appropriate percentage specified in Article 44(1) shall be 90 per cent.

Net annual value limit on improvement grants

4. In Article 46(4)(*a*) of the Order for "£175" there shall be substituted "£225".

Increase of relevant limit relating to improvement grant in respect of a dwelling for a disabled occupant

5. The relevant limit of £225 in Article 46(4)(*a*) of the Order shall be £400 in relation to a dwelling for a disabled occupant where it appears to the Executive that on the date on which an application for an improvement grant in respect of works required for the improvement of such a dwelling is approved the applicant would not without undue hardship be able to pay the cost of the relevant works without the assistance of an improvement grant.

Increase of relevant limit relating to repairs grant in case of hardship

6. The relevant limit of £130 in Article 46(4)(*d*) of the Order shall be £225 where it appears to the Executive that on the date on which an application for a repairs grant in respect of a dwelling is approved the applicant would not without undue hardship be able to pay the cost of the relevant works without the assistance of a repairs grant.

Percentage allowed for works of repair and replacement in the determination of the estimated expense in relation to an improvement grant

7. In relation to an application for improvement grant in respect of a dwelling situated in a housing action area the percentage specified in Article 48(2) shall be 70 per cent.

Eligible expense limits

8. The amounts of £5,000, £5,800, £2,000 and £2,000 are hereby specified for the purposes of Article 49(3)(*a*), Article 49(3)(*b*), Article 53(3)(*a*) and Article 55(3) respectively of the Order.

Standard amenities

9. Schedule 3 to the Order is hereby varied by substituting for Part I thereof the following:—

"PART I

LIST OF AMENITIES AND MAXIMUM ELIGIBLE AMOUNTS

Item	*Description of amenity*	*Maximum eligible amount* £
1.	A fixed bath or shower	250
2.	A hot and cold water supply at a fixed bath or shower	300
3.	A wash-hand basin	100
4.	A hot and cold water supply at a wash-hand basin	150
5.	A sink	250
6.	A hot and cold water supply at a sink	200
7.	A water closet	350"

(**d**) S.I. 1978/1050 (N.I. 20)