
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1243

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2019

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th September 2019</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th September 2019</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st October 2019</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 140B(1), (3), (4) and (4A), 140F(2) and 189(4), (6) and (7) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(1).

In accordance with section 189(8) of that Act(2), the Secretary of State has obtained the consent of the Treasury.

In accordance with section 176(1) of that Act(3), the Secretary of State has consulted with organisations appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the authorities concerned.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2019 and comes into force on 31st October 2019.

(2) Article 3(1) and Schedule 1 have effect for the purpose of determining subsidy payable for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2018.

(3) Articles 3(2) and 4 and Schedules 2, 3 and 4 have effect for the purpose of determining subsidy payable for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2019.

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- (1) 1992 c.5. Sections 140B and 140F were inserted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1996 (c.52). Section 140B(1) was amended by paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 (c.47) (“the Fraud Act”). Section 140B(4) was substituted and section 140(4A) was inserted by section 10 of the Fraud Act. There are amendments to section 189(4) and (6) which are not relevant to this Order. Section 189(7) was amended by paragraph 24 of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c.14) (“the 1992 Act”) and by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the Fraud Act. Sections 140B, 140F and 189 were repealed, to the extent they relate to council tax benefit, by Schedule 14 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5) with effect from 1st April 2013 and subject to savings and transitional provisions in articles 9 and 10 of S.I. 2013/358.
- (2) Relevant amendment made by paragraph 3(5) of Schedule 13 to the Housing Act 1996.
- (3) Section 176(1) was amended by paragraph 23 of Schedule 9 to the 1992 Act, paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 13 to, the Housing Act 1996 and section 69(6) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c.19). It was repealed, to the extent it relates to council tax benefit, by section 147 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 14 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2012 with effect from 1st April 2013 and subject to savings and transitional provisions in articles 9 and 10 of S.I. 2013/358.

(4) In this Order—

“the 1998 Order” means the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998⁽⁴⁾;

“relevant year” means the period of a year beginning with 1st April in the calendar year in respect of which a claim for subsidy is made.

Amendment of the 1998 Order

2. The 1998 Order is amended in accordance with articles 3 and 4.

The amount of an authority’s subsidy

3.—(1) For Schedule 1 (sums to be used in the calculation of subsidy) substitute the Schedule 1 set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) For Schedule 1ZB (additional amount of subsidy: Verify Earnings and Pension Alerts Service) substitute the Schedule 1ZB set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Rent rebate deductions from an authority’s subsidy

4.—(1) Schedule 4A (rent rebate limitation deductions (housing revenue account dwellings)) is amended as follows.

(2) In Part 2 (England), in paragraph 3 (amount of deduction), for sub-paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) The rebate proportion for 2019-20 is 0.726.”.

(3) For Part 3 (weekly rent limits for purposes of Part 2: authorities in England), substitute the Part 3 set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

(4) For Part 5 (amounts for purposes of Part 4, paragraph 4: authorities in Wales), substitute the Part 5 set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

4th September 2019

Will Quince
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department for Work and Pensions

We consent.

5th September 2019

Michelle Donelan
Rebecca Harris
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her
Majesty’s Treasury

(4) [S.I. 1998/562](#); relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2004/646](#) and [2018/985](#).

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3(1)

Substitution of Schedule 1 to the 1998 Order

“SCHEDULE 1

Article 12(1)(b)

Sums to be used in the calculation of subsidy

Relevant Year 2018-2019

<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
England	
Adur	241,286
Allerdale	367,025
Amber Valley	441,524
Arun	572,229
Ashfield	521,084
Ashford	448,559
Aylesbury Vale	556,792
Babergh	259,632
Barking and Dagenham	1,434,452
Barnet	2,142,321
Barnsley	1,147,955
Barrow-in-Furness	278,797
Basildon	821,505
Basingstoke and Deane	579,075
Bassetlaw	430,048
Bath and North East Somerset	569,600
Bedford	699,739
Bexley	930,513
Birmingham	6,445,611
Blaby	232,996
Blackburn with Darwen	698,398
Blackpool	1,024,275
Bolsover	326,528
Bolton	1,340,144
Boston	324,281

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<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Bournemouth	969,046
Bracknell Forest	416,580
Bradford	2,415,939
Braintree	521,837
Breckland	470,064
Brent	2,585,353
Brentwood	217,454
Brighton and Hove	1,480,480
Bristol	2,202,820
Broadland	302,137
Bromley	1,127,682
Bromsgrove	226,997
Broxbourne	426,593
Broxtowe	338,259
Burnley	493,515
Bury	737,877
Calderdale	969,969
Cambridge	452,852
Camden	1,846,590
Cannock Chase	381,855
Canterbury	539,931
Carlisle	400,022
Castle Point	290,802
Central Bedfordshire	754,923
Charnwood	453,166
Chelmsford	518,188
Cheltenham	409,814
Cherwell	467,896
Cheshire East	1,038,573
Cheshire West and Chester	1,152,734
Chesterfield	526,269
Chichester	393,435
Chiltern	245,362
Chorley	347,015

<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Christchurch	184,498
City of London	102,103
Colchester	658,647
Copeland	290,364
Corby	367,835
Cornwall	2,246,797
Cotswold	247,009
Coventry	1,589,703
Craven	158,618
Crawley	630,525
Croydon	2,014,096
Dacorum	601,618
Darlington	548,568
Dartford	367,048
Daventry	218,235
Derby	1,127,348
Derbyshire Dales	200,631
Doncaster	1,399,228
Dover	502,787
Dudley	1,361,757
Durham	2,521,494
Ealing	2,320,745
East Cambridgeshire	265,823
East Devon	415,788
East Dorset	242,805
East Hampshire	303,206
East Hertfordshire	414,387
East Lindsey	619,390
East Northamptonshire	266,660
East Riding of Yorkshire	1,054,254
East Staffordshire	394,312
Eastbourne	541,451
Eastleigh	368,238
Eden	139,375

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<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Elmbridge	397,511
Enfield	2,337,351
Epping Forest	421,268
Epsom and Ewell	225,723
Erewash	446,224
Exeter	498,792
Fareham	271,325
Fenland	410,638
Folkestone and Hythe	506,711
Forest Heath	230,674
Forest of Dean	299,051
Fylde	265,576
Gateshead	1,129,205
Gedling	388,755
Gloucester	563,994
Gosport	397,043
Gravesham	449,843
Great Yarmouth	509,711
Greenwich	1,944,072
Guildford	403,426
Hackney	2,920,473
Halton	647,477
Hambleton	254,946
Hammersmith and Fulham	1,405,700
Harborough	187,334
Haringey	2,218,785
Harlow	530,320
Harrogate	389,746
Harrow	1,126,307
Hart	182,529
Hartlepool	606,002
Hastings	551,080
Havant	436,174
Havering	925,511

<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Herefordshire	659,368
Hertsmere	412,546
High Peak	308,092
Hillingdon	1,398,403
Hinckley and Bosworth	290,884
Horsham	344,449
Hounslow	1,268,762
Huntingdonshire	483,787
Hyndburn	418,766
Ipswich	689,025
Isle of Wight	624,728
Isles of Scilly	16,287
Islington	2,075,829
Kensington and Chelsea	1,210,275
Kettering	341,300
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	521,624
Kingston upon Hull	1,712,061
Kingston upon Thames	629,009
Kirklees	1,772,576
Knowsley	942,802
Lambeth	2,705,472
Lancaster	506,307
Leeds	3,666,947
Leicester	1,822,906
Lewes	384,316
Lewisham	2,525,646
Lichfield	269,116
Lincoln	505,839
Liverpool	3,247,128
Luton	1,009,178
Maidstone	532,655
Maldon	186,176
Malvern Hills	247,778
Manchester	3,461,613

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<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Mansfield	482,464
Medway	1,160,454
Melton	153,129
Mendip	384,062
Merton	847,545
Mid Devon	252,780
Mid Suffolk	241,409
Mid Sussex	349,977
Middlesbrough	1,001,328
Milton Keynes	1,230,381
Mole Valley	255,266
New Forest	484,957
Newark and Sherwood	397,660
Newcastle-under-Lyme	421,043
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,647,770
Newham	2,366,052
North Devon	376,297
North Dorset	214,839
North East Derbyshire	356,082
North East Lincolnshire	806,502
North Hertfordshire	443,461
North Kesteven	294,977
North Lincolnshire	654,301
North Norfolk	364,674
North Somerset	757,933
North Tyneside	1,001,682
North Warwickshire	217,138
North West Leicestershire	286,759
Northampton	890,224
Northumberland	1,232,692
Norwich	852,687
Nottingham	1,850,660
Nuneaton and Bedworth	530,177
Oadby and Wigston	155,572

<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Oldham	1,185,810
Oxford	675,589
Pendle	399,300
Peterborough	953,468
Plymouth	1,341,838
Poole	541,049
Portsmouth	1,262,869
Preston	637,152
Purbeck	166,513
Reading	859,069
Redbridge	1,273,034
Redcar and Cleveland	745,949
Redditch	354,896
Reigate and Banstead	430,890
Ribble Valley	131,401
Richmond upon Thames	605,101
Richmondshire	153,131
Rochdale	1,136,092
Rochford	223,731
Rossendale	272,934
Rother	328,807
Rotherham	1,204,407
Rugby	320,286
Runnymede	261,833
Rushcliffe	244,744
Rushmoor	393,286
Rutland	102,867
Ryedale	175,962
Salford	1,507,078
Sandwell	1,736,532
Scarborough	543,575
Sedgemoor	569,977
Sefton	1,244,795
Selby	253,494

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<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Sevenoaks	350,155
Sheffield	2,665,051
Shropshire	923,110
Slough	808,051
Solihull	779,541
South Bucks	188,579
South Cambridgeshire	354,126
South Derbyshire	266,981
South Gloucestershire	823,554
South Hams	279,898
South Holland	290,485
South Kesteven	442,964
South Lakeland	253,313
South Norfolk	358,274
South Northamptonshire	190,661
South Oxfordshire	348,379
South Ribble	327,626
South Somerset	553,836
South Staffordshire	297,953
South Tyneside	1,008,597
Southampton	1,308,252
Southend-on-Sea	954,798
Southwark	2,391,682
Spelthorne	339,318
St Albans	397,850
St Edmundsbury	377,929
St Helens	852,020
Stafford	363,037
Staffordshire Moorlands	249,134
Stevenage	436,909
Stockport	981,278
Stockton-on-Tees	919,690
Stoke-on-Trent	1,308,594
Stratford-on-Avon	360,018

<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Stroud	350,680
Suffolk Coastal	357,229
Sunderland	1,641,010
Surrey Heath	221,534
Sutton	728,937
Swale	622,808
Swindon	791,655
Tameside	1,126,000
Tamworth	313,423
Tandridge	255,727
Taunton Deane	408,488
Teignbridge	441,574
Telford and Wrekin	867,833
Tendring	696,203
Test Valley	344,806
Tewkesbury	261,050
Thanet	825,152
Three Rivers	310,173
Thurrock	717,138
Tonbridge and Malling	389,805
Torbay	770,020
Torridge	265,044
Tower Hamlets	2,681,602
Trafford	807,840
Tunbridge Wells	360,948
Uttlesford	198,523
Vale of White Horse	336,628
Wakefield	1,566,003
Walsall	1,488,413
Waltham Forest	1,727,233
Wandsworth	1,930,410
Warrington	719,383
Warwick	388,650
Watford	455,042

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<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Waveney	500,853
Waverley	349,300
Wealden	386,549
Wellingborough	326,370
Welwyn Hatfield	494,340
West Berkshire	459,927
West Devon	189,210
West Dorset	336,525
West Lancashire	402,728
West Lindsey	334,172
West Oxfordshire	303,585
West Somerset	167,930
Westminster	1,774,729
Weymouth and Portland	352,242
Wigan	1,255,260
Wiltshire	1,431,952
Winchester	325,062
Windsor and Maidenhead	419,615
Wirral	1,616,451
Woking	319,625
Wokingham	281,832
Wolverhampton	1,483,403
Worcester	416,349
Worthing	410,555
Wychavon	376,185
Wycombe	525,132
Wyre	428,623
Wyre Forest	426,754
York	612,740
Wales	
Blaenau Gwent	405,972
Bridgend	640,740

<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
Caerphilly	830,958
Cardiff	1,691,949
Carmarthenshire	705,779
Ceredigion	275,609
Conwy	512,856
Denbighshire	477,674
Flintshire	557,793
Gwynedd	467,999
Isle of Anglesey	292,564
Merthyr Tydfil	333,129
Monmouthshire	288,813
Neath Port Talbot	752,019
Newport	782,084
Pembrokeshire	492,960
Powys	425,306
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,044,196
Swansea	1,117,376
Torfaen	491,387
Vale of Glamorgan	493,496
Wrexham	638,207
 Scotland	
Aberdeen	863,732
Aberdeenshire	751,442
Angus	473,076
Argyll and Bute	391,393
Clackmannanshire	307,558
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	146,400
Dumfries and Galloway	733,595
Dundee	1,045,436
East Ayrshire	665,988
East Dunbartonshire	299,193
East Lothian	371,948

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<i>Local authority</i>	<i>Administration subsidy (£)</i>
East Renfrewshire	235,799
Edinburgh	2,132,817
Falkirk	695,792
Fife	1,707,621
Glasgow	4,626,765
Highland	868,562
Inverclyde	518,272
Midlothian	383,253
Moray	316,328
North Ayrshire	846,895
North Lanarkshire	1,717,206
Orkney	100,971
Perth and Kinross	524,135
Renfrewshire	954,565
Scottish Borders	526,080
Shetland	87,722
South Ayrshire	561,292
South Lanarkshire	1,435,713
Stirling	337,999
West Dunbartonshire	639,547
West Lothian	822,588.”

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(2)

Substitution of Schedule 1ZB to 1998 Order

“SCHEDULE 1ZB

Article 12(1)(bza)

Additional amount of subsidy: Verify Earnings and Pension Alerts Service

Interpretation**1.** In this Schedule—

“relevant activities” means activities carried out by authorities receiving VEP alerts to administer those alerts;

“VEP alerts” means alerts given by the Secretary of State enabling authorities to identify changes in earnings and pensions so as to help prevent fraud and error relating to housing benefit.

Additional amount: relevant year beginning with 1st April 2019

2. The additional amount of subsidy for an authority for the relevant year beginning with 1st April 2019 is the amount specified for that authority in the Housing Benefit Circular HB S10/2019 published by the Department for Work and Pensions on 3rd May 2019⁽⁵⁾.

Use of amount paid under paragraph 2

3. An authority must use the additional amount received under paragraph 2 in connection with relevant activities.”

SCHEDULE 3

Article 4(3)

Substitution of Part 3 of Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order

“PART 3

WEEKLY RENT LIMITS FOR PURPOSES
OF PART 2: AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

Relevant Year 2019-2020

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit (£)</i>
Adur	92.74
Arun	89.61
Ashfield	67.35
Ashford	88.34
Babergh	88.19
Barking and Dagenham	96.76
Barnet	106.92
Barnsley	73.76
Barrow-in-Furness	74.11
Basildon	86.68
Bassetlaw	71.55
Birmingham	81.75
Blackpool	70.38
Bolsover	80.74
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	83.28
Brent	114.56

(5) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-benefit-subsidy-circulars-2019/s102019-payment-for-the-verify-earnings-and-pension-alerts-service-2019-to-2020>.

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit (£)</i>
Brentwood	93.42
Brighton and Hove	83.33
Bristol	80.06
Broxtowe	73.44
Bury	75.66
Cambridge	101.68
Camden	119.96
Cannock Chase	74.65
Canterbury	87.18
Castle Point	87.23
Central Bedfordshire	100.47
Charnwood	73.36
Cheltenham	79.32
Cheshire West and Chester	81.37
Chesterfield	78.70
City of London	105.18
City of York	78.33
Colchester	86.43
Corby	77.80
Cornwall	70.08
Crawley	101.89
Croydon	104.75
Dacorum	107.05
Darlington	70.29
Dartford	88.91
Derby	77.72
Doncaster	72.31
Dover	83.22
Dudley	81.68
Ealing	100.33
East Devon	80.67
East Riding of Yorkshire	78.26
East Suffolk	79.55
Eastbourne	78.54

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit (£)</i>
Enfield	100.09
Epping Forest	98.19
Exeter	74.33
Fareham	89.79
Folkestone and Hythe	83.18
Gateshead	75.55
Gosport	82.77
Gravesham	88.55
Great Yarmouth	73.91
Greenwich	101.95
Guildford	109.37
Hackney	99.78
Hammersmith and Fulham	114.73
Haringey	105.15
Harlow	90.95
Harrogate	79.68
Harrow	112.41
Hartlepool	99.62
Havering	95.42
High Peak	72.27
Hillingdon	107.95
Hinckley and Bosworth	77.46
Hounslow	101.42
Ipswich	81.21
Islington	120.97
Kensington and Chelsea	126.61
Kettering	80.44
Kingston upon Hull	74.19
Kingston upon Thames	110.84
Kirklees	68.93
Lambeth	107.73
Lancaster	76.32
Leeds	73.45
Leicester	70.93

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit (£)</i>
Lewes	88.40
Lewisham	95.33
Lincoln	67.96
Luton	85.60
Manchester	73.88
Mansfield	72.29
Medway Towns	80.94
Melton	76.24
Mid Devon	77.70
Mid Suffolk	81.36
Milton Keynes	84.82
New Forest	98.28
Newark and Sherwood	77.11
Newcastle upon Tyne	74.33
Newham	97.10
North East Derbyshire	80.33
North Kesteven	75.73
North Tyneside	75.67
North Warwickshire	86.86
North West Leicestershire	78.16
Northampton	82.19
Northumberland	67.56
Norwich	78.40
Nottingham	74.09
Nuneaton and Bedworth	77.25
Oadby and Wigston	78.35
Oldham	82.05
Oxford City	107.80
Portsmouth	83.94
Reading	103.81
Redbridge	101.56
Redditch	77.18
Richmondshire	76.79
Rotherham	75.00

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit (£)</i>
Rugby	85.62
Runnymede	109.15
Salford	82.92
Sandwell	80.42
Sedgemoor	76.77
Selby	77.43
Sheffield	71.03
Shropshire	80.54
Slough	105.09
Solihull	81.26
Somerset West and Taunton	81.37
South Cambridgeshire	105.84
South Derbyshire	78.98
South Holland	74.82
South Kesteven	77.81
South Tyneside	74.47
Southampton	83.87
Southend-on-Sea	84.89
Southwark	106.80
St Albans	112.61
Stevenage	96.83
Stockport	73.80
Stoke-on-Trent	69.65
Stroud	81.52
Sutton	105.86
Swindon	81.90
Tamworth	79.33
Tandridge	97.19
Tendring	82.93
Thanet	80.02
Thurrock	85.01
Tower Hamlets	109.61
Uttlesford	97.43
Waltham Forest	100.93

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<i>Authority</i>	<i>Weekly rent limit (£)</i>
Wandsworth	123.52
Warwick	92.68
Waverley	113.30
Wealden	83.77
Welwyn Hatfield	106.96
West Lancashire	75.29
Westminster	123.75
Wigan	76.07
Wiltshire	87.15
Winchester	100.29
Woking	103.09
Wokingham	114.08
Wolverhampton	78.84.”

SCHEDULE 4

Article 4(4)

Substitution of Part 5 of Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order

“PART 5

AMOUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF PART 4,
PARAGRAPH 4: AUTHORITIES IN WALES**Relevant Year 2019-2020**

<i>Local authority</i>	<i>(1) Specified amount “O”(£)</i>	<i>(2) Guideline rent increase “P” (£)</i>
Caerphilly	91.72	4.05
Cardiff	102.98	4.44
Carmarthenshire	91.24	4.05
Denbighshire	88.96	4.10
Flintshire	92.37	4.17
Isle of Anglesey	88.11	4.09
Pembrokeshire	92.19	3.90
Powys	93.08	4.07
Swansea	90.10	4.15
Vale of Glamorgan	99.69	4.25

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<i>Local authority</i>	<i>(1) Specified amount "O" (£)</i>	<i>(2) Guideline rent increase "P" (£)</i>
Wrexham	91.34	4.11."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/562) ("the 1998 Order") which provides for the calculation and payment of housing benefit subsidy to local authorities in England, Wales and Scotland which administer housing benefit. Section 140F(2) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5) authorises the making, revocation or varying of an Order before, during or after the year to which it relates.

Article 3(1) and Schedule 1 substitute Schedule 1 to the 1998 Order which prescribes the sums to be used in the calculation of subsidy for the year beginning with 1st April 2018.

Article 3(2) and Schedule 2 substitute Schedule 1ZB to the 1998 Order which has effect for the purposes of determining additional amounts of subsidy payable for the year beginning with 1st April 2019. This Schedule prescribes a system for the making of additional payments of subsidy to authorities administering alerts relating to the earnings and pension entitlement of claimants for housing benefit ("the VEP Alert Service"), as notified by the Secretary of State to local authorities on 3rd May 2019. In the VEP Alert Service, authorities are given funding to carry out activities to enable them to verify earnings and pension information based on their use of real time information.

Article 4 has effect for the purposes of determining subsidy payable for the year beginning with 1st April 2019. Paragraph (2) amends paragraph 3 of Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order to provide that the rebate proportion figure for 2019/2020 is 0.726. Paragraph (3) and Schedule 3 substitute Part 3 of Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order in respect of weekly rent limits for authorities in England. With respect to authorities in Wales, paragraph (4) and Schedule 4 substitute Part 5 of Schedule 4A to the 1998 Order which sets out the specified amount "O" and the guideline rent increase "P" used when calculating deductions from subsidy under paragraph 4 in Part 4 of Schedule 4A.

Hard copies of the circular referenced in this Order are available from the Department for Work and Pensions, Local Authority Funding Team, Housing Delivery Division, Room B120D, Warbreck House, Warbreck Hill, Blackpool, FY2 0YE.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the private sector or civil society organisations.