

1980 No. 2029 (S.180)

**HOUSING, SCOTLAND**

**The Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1980**

*Laid before the House of Commons in draft*

*Made - - - - - 19th December 1980*

*Coming into Operation 20th December 1980*

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 5(1), 5(1A) and 49(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1974(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby with the consent of the Treasury make the following order:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1. This order may be cited as the Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on the day after it is made.

*Revocation*

2. The Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978(b) is hereby revoked.

*Percentage of approved expense*

3. In respect (a) of that class of houses which:

- (i) are not houses in a housing action area, and
- (ii) fail to meet the tolerable standard, and

(b) of that class of houses which:

- (i) are not houses in a housing action area, and
- (ii) lack a fixed bath or shower provided with an adequate supply of both hot and cold water within the house,

there shall be substituted in section 5(1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1974 for the figure “50”, the figure “75”.

4. In respect of that class of houses for which improvement orders have been made in terms of section 14A(1) of the said Act, there shall be substituted in the said section 5(1) for the words “not exceed 50” the words “be 75”.

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(a) 1974 c.45, as amended by the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1978 (c.14) and the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Act 1980 (c.52).

(b) S.I. 1978/1179.

5. In respect of that class of houses where the applicant is the owner and application for grant has been approved under the said section 5(1) as read with Article 4 of this order and the applicant will not without undue hardship be able to finance the cost of so much of the improvement work as is not met by the grant said percentage may be increased from 75 per cent to a higher percentage not exceeding 90 per cent.

6. The provisions of this order shall not apply to an application for house improvement grant approved prior to the date on which the order comes into operation.

*George Younger,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

New St. Andrew's House  
Edinburgh.  
19th December 1980.

We consent

*David Waddington,*  
*Peter Morrison,*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

19th December 1980.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order)*

House improvement grants are made by local authorities as a percentage of the approved expense of executing the works of house improvement. The approved expense is determined when the application is approved. The percentage to be applied to the approved expense is subject, outwith housing action areas, to a maximum of 50%, specified in the Housing (Scotland) Act 1974.

Section 5(1A) of the Act empowers the Secretary of State for Scotland to vary the percentage for particular cases or classes of case.

This Order prescribes:

- (i) a maximum percentage of 75% to be applied to the approved expense for improvement grants in respect of the classes of case identified in Article 3 of the Order,
  - (ii) a new percentage of 75% to be applied to the approved expense for improvement grants in respect of the class of case identified in Article 4 of the Order,
- and (iii) a new maximum percentage of 90% to be applied to the approved expense for improvement grants in respect of the class of case identified in Article 5 of the Order.



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