



# Local Government and Rating Act 1997

## CHAPTER 29

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RATING ACT 1997

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- 1 General stores etc. in rural settlements.
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- 5 General stores etc. in rural settlements.
- 6 Crown property.
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### SCHEDULES

#### SCHEDULE 1 — Relief from non-domestic rates for general stores etc. in rural settlements: England and Wales

- 1 After section 42 of the 1988 Act there is inserted—...
- 2 In section 43 of the 1988 Act (occupied hereditaments: liability)—...
- 3 In section 47 (discretionary relief)— (a) in subsection (1), after...
- 4 In section 48 (discretionary relief: supplementary), at the end of...
- 5 In section 58 (regulations making special provision for 1995 onwards),...
- 6 In section 143 of the 1988 Act (orders and regulations)—...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Relief from non-domestic rates for general stores etc. in rural settlements: Scotland

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*Rural settlement list*

- 1 (1) Each rating authority must compile and maintain, in accordance...

*Preparation and maintenance of lists*

- 2 (1) The rating authority must, throughout the period of three...

*Mandatory relief*

- 3 (1) For any period in a financial year where sub-paragraph...  
3A (1) For any period (“ the relevant period ”) in...

*Discretionary relief*

- 4 (1) Without prejudice to section 25A of the Local Government...

*Interpretation*

- 5 In this Schedule— “financial year” means the twelve months ending...

SCHEDULE 3 — Minor and consequential amendments

*Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 (c.60)*

- 1 After section 6A(1) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act...

*Local Government (Financial Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962 (c.9)*

- 2 In section 4 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions etc.)...

*Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1963 (c.12)*

- 3 In section 19 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions)  
(Scotland)...

*Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)*

- 4 The Local Government Act 1972 is amended as follows.  
5 In section 6 (term of office and retirement of district...  
6 (1) Section 9 (parish meetings and councils) is amended as...  
7 In section 11 (orders for grouping parishes under common parish...  
8 In section 12 (provision supplementary to provisions about parish  
meetings...  
9 In section 16(1) (number of parish councillors), for the words...  
10 In paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 (electoral arrangements for certain...

*Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 30)*

- 11 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 is amended as follows...  
12 In section 2 (alterations to the valuation roll)—  
13 In section 3 (supplementary valuation provisions)— (a) in  
subsection (1)...  
14 After section 3 (supplementary valuation provisions) there is  
inserted —...

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*Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 64)*

- 15 In section 2(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes)...

*Water (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 45)*

- 16 In section 109(1) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980, for...

*Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2)*

- 17 In section 36 of the Representation of the People Act...

*National Heritage Act 1983 (c. 47)*

- 18 (1) Schedule 1 to the National Heritage Act 1983 is...  
19 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the National Heritage...

*Dockyard Services Act 1986 (c. 52)*

- 20 In section 3(1) of the Dockyard Services Act 1986 (treatment...

*Banking Act 1987 (c. 22)*

- 21 .....

*Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41)*

- 22 The Local Government Finance Act 1988 is amended as follows....  
23 In section 47(7) (discretionary relief), after “made” there is inserted...  
24 In section 59 (contributions in aid), for “Crown hereditament” there...  
25 In section 64 (hereditaments), subsections (5) to (7D) are omitted....  
26 In section 67 (interpretation), after subsection (5) there is inserted—...  
27 In paragraph 15 of Schedule 5 (exempt parks), in sub-paragraph...

*National Maritime Museum Act 1989 (c. 8)*

- 28 Section 1(6) of the National Maritime Museum Act 1989 (exemption...

*Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14)*

- 29 In Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992...

SCHEDULE 4 — Repeals

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 2(6) repealed by [2003 c. 26 Sch. 8 Pt. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2 omitted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 16](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 5 omitted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 16](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 6 omitted by [2023 c. 53 Sch. para. 16](#)