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SL(6)721 – The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2026

Procedure: No Procedure

This is the third commencement order made by the Welsh Ministers under the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024 (“the Act”).

This Order brings into force section 7 of the Act (monitoring progress towards meeting targets) into force on 23 January 2026. Section 7 is the only remaining provision of the Act which is not already in force.

Although this order is not subject to a Senedd process, it must be laid before the Senedd in accordance with section 37F of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019.

Parent Act: Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024

Date Made: 16 January 2026

Date Laid: 19 January 2026

Coming into force date: 23 January 2026



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SL(6)722 – The Local Health Boards (Directed Functions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Procedure: Senedd annulment procedure

The Health and Social Care (Wales) Act 2025 contains provisions to amend the NHS (Wales) Act 2006 to enable introduction of direct payments for NHS continuing healthcare ('CHC'). Direct payments are payments to individuals in lieu of the provision of services to meet their assessed needs.

These Regulations, alongside the National Health Service (Direct Payments) (Wales) Regulations 2026, will set out how Local Health Boards will manage and deliver direct payments for CHC.

Specifically, these Regulations delegate the exercise of the Welsh Ministers' functions relating to direct payments to Local Health Boards, by making amendments to the Local Health Boards (Directed Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2009.

Parent Act: National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

Date Made: 16 January 2026

Date Laid: 20 January 2026

Coming into force date: 01 April 2026



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SL(6)724 – The Non-Domestic Rating (Value of Differential Multipliers) (Wales) Regulations 2026

Procedure: Senedd approval procedure

These Regulations specify the numbers used to calculate the retail and higher multipliers applicable to relevant non-domestic hereditaments (units of property with a rating assessment) in Wales from 1 April 2026.

Part A2 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 ("the Act") makes provision about non-domestic rating multipliers in Wales.

Paragraph A16 of Schedule 7 to the Act enables the Welsh Ministers to make regulations prescribing differential multipliers based on the rateable value of hereditaments on a local or central rating list, and the description of hereditaments on a local list. Paragraph A16(1) of Schedule 7 prescribes the formula for the calculation of differential multipliers. The formula requires M to be multiplied by N, where M is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the chargeable financial year (under paragraph A14 or A15), and N is a number prescribed by the Welsh Ministers in regulations.

The Non-Domestic Rating (Description of Differential Multipliers) (Wales) Regulations 2025 ("the 2025 Regulations") enable a retail multiplier and a higher multiplier to be given effect, by specifying the hereditaments to which they will apply from 1 April 2026.

These Regulations specify the values of "N" used to calculate the retail and higher multipliers as a proportion of the standard multiplier for a chargeable financial year.

The value of N for the purpose of the retail multiplier described by regulation 3 of the 2025 Regulations is 0.697. The value of N for the purpose of the higher multiplier described by regulations 4 and 5 of the 2025 Regulations is 1.026. This has the effect of setting the retail multiplier at 30.3% below, and the higher multiplier at 2.6% above, the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant financial year.

Parent Act: Local Government Finance Act 1988

Date Made:

Date Laid: 20 January 2026

Coming into force date: 01 April 2026



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SL(6)726 – The Renters' Rights Act 2025 (Commencement) (Wales) Order 2026

Procedure: No Procedure

This Order bring into force the provisions of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of the Renters' Rights Act 2025 ("the Act") on 1 June 2026.

The provisions relate to the prohibition of discriminatory bans and restrictions in relation to a dwelling that is to be the subject of an occupation contract on the basis that a child would or may live with or visit a person at the dwelling, or on the basis that a person is or may be a benefits claimant.

This is the first commencement order made to commence provisions within the Act, following Royal Assent.

Parent Act: Renters' Rights Act 2025

Date Made: 16 January 2026

Date Laid: 20 January 2026

Coming into force date: 01 June 2026

