

LOLA RENT REBATE and RATE REBATE SYSTEM (1982) – PIPS BASED

Introduction

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LOLA Rent / Rate Rebate system (1982)

The original government legislation was termed “The Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Regulations 1982”. The statutory implementation date was 1 April 1982.

Due to the very limited timescale available to develop a system to meet the statutory deadline of 1 April 1982, the decision was made to base the system data structure on defined PIPS functions, rather than develop new IMS databases from scratch. This enabled a more rapid development of the system.

The Rent / Rate Rebate system was implemented successfully to meet the 1 April 1982 statutory deadline, for all 4 London boroughs of Hackney, Haringey, Hillingdon and Tower Hamlets.

The most innovative facilities (X16/X17 on-line transactions), enabled on-line retrospective calculations of Rent / Rate rebates back to any date in the past, over unlimited multiple Rebate history periods.

The PIPS based Rent / Rate rebate systems provided essential core facilities, the system became an excellent template for the subsequent development of the comprehensive LOLA Housing Benefits (1988) system (see the Housing Benefits application section).

The 2 main Rent / Rate sub-systems (1982) comprised :-

Rent / Rate Rebates – Public Sector

1. PIPS function 100 : Current account record and PIPS function 105 : Rent / Rate rebate calculation history.
2. X16 : on-line Rent/Rate Rebate calculations.
3. Bulk Mid-Year Rent / Rate Rebate recalculation suite comprising Income Uprating and uprated Needs Allowances, normally effective in October each year.
4. Bulk Rent / Rate Rebate re-calculation suite based on annual rent and rate increases, normally effective from week 1, the 1st Monday in April each year.
5. Weekly 2-way batch interfaces with originally the LEO Rents system and subsequently the LOLA Housing Rents system.

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Rent / Rate Rebates – Private Sector

1. PIPS function 200 : Current account record and PIPS function 205 : Rent / Rate rebate calculation history.
2. X17 : on-line Rent/Rate Rebate calculations.
3. Bulk Mid-Year Rent / Rate recalculation suite comprising Income Up-rating and updated Needs Allowances, normally effective in October each year.
4. Bulk Housing Benefit re-calculation suite based on annual rate increases, normally effective from 1st April each year.
5. Weekly 1-way batch interface to the Creditors system : to enable Rate Rebate payments to be made, direct to the tenant or landlord.

Timeline

The LOLA Rent and Rate Rebate system (1982) was superseded by the LOLA Housing Benefits System (1988) – see the Housing Benefits application section.

However the LOLA Rent and Rebate System (1982) on-line calculation facilities continued for several years after 1 April 1988, to enable retrospective Rent and Rate Rebates calculations up to 31 March 1988 to continue to be performed.

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