# Appendix 1 Total charge for credit rules; and certain exemptions

#### 1.1 Total charge for credit rules for certain agreements secured on land

#### Interpretation

## App 1.1.1 R

- (1) For the purposes of this section, references to the period for which credit is provided:
  - (a) in the case of a *credit agreement* under which the period for which credit is to be provided is ascertainable at the date of the making of the *credit agreement*, are references to the period beginning with the relevant date and ending with the end of the period for which credit is to be provided;
  - (b) in the case of a *credit agreement* under which the period for which credit is to be provided can be ascertained at the relevant date if the assumption in ■ CONC App 1.1.12 R is applied, are references to the period beginning with the relevant date and ending with the end of the period for which *credit* would be provided under the *credit* agreement if the amount given by that assumption were the amount of the credit so provided; and
  - (c) in any other case, are references to the period of one year referred to in ■ CONC App 1.1.13 R.
- (2) References in this section to repayment of the credit under a credit agreement and of the total charge for credit include references to any repayment or payment, as the case may require, of any part of the credit and of the total charge for credit.

#### Application

App1.1.2 R This section applies to regulated credit agreements which are secured on land or to prospective regulated credit agreements which are to be secured on land, except to the extent that the Consumer Credit (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2010 apply to such agreements.

## **General provisions about calculation**

#### App 1.1.3 R

- (1) Any calculation under this section shall be made on the following assumptions
  - (a) the assumption that the borrower will not be entitled to any income tax relief relating to the transaction other than relief under section 19 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 and Schedule 4 to the Finance Act 1976 (which afford relief in respect of premiums under certain policies of insurance) without any deduction under section 21 of the said Act of 1970;
  - (b) the assumption that no assistance is given under the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Act 1978;
  - (c) (i) in the case of a transaction which provides for repayment of the credit or of the total charge for credit at, or not later than, a specified time or times, the assumption that the *lender* will not exercise any right under the transaction to require repayment at any other time or times;
    - (ii) in any other case, the assumption that the lender will not exercise any right under the transaction to require repayment;

the borrower, in any case, performing all his obligations under the transaction;

- (d) subject to (e) below, in the case of a transaction which provides for variation of the rate or amount of any item included in the total charge for credit in consequence of the occurrence after the relevant date of any event, the assumption that the event will not occur; and, in this sub-paragraph, "event" means an act or omission of the borrower or of the *lender* or any other event (including where the *transaction* makes provision for variation upon the continuation of any circumstance, the continuation of that circumstance) but does not include an event which is certain to occur and of which the date of occurrence, or the earliest date of occurrence, can be ascertained at the date of the making of the credit agreement; and
- (e) in the case of a land-related agreement which provides for the possibility of any variation of the rate of interest in consequence of the occurrence after the *relevant date* of any event (being an event which is certain to occur and of which the date of occurrence, or the earliest date of occurrence, can be ascertained at the date of the making of the credit agreement), the assumption that such a variation will, when the event occurs, take place.
- (2) For the purposes of this section
  - (a) subject to (b) below and CONC App 1.1.18 R, in the case of any credit agreement each provision of credit and each repayment of the credit and of the total charge for credit shall be taken to be made:
    - (i) at the earliest time provided under the transaction, and
    - (ii) in a case where any such provision or repayment is to be made at or not later than a specified time, at that time
    - and, where any such repayment is to be made before the relevant date, it shall be taken to be made on the relevant date;
  - (b) where under a credit agreement for running-account credit or a credit agreement for fixed-sum credit where the credit is not repayable at specified intervals or in specified amounts a constant period rate of

charge in respect of periods of equal or of nearly equal length is charged, it shall be assumed for the purposes of calculations under this section, notwithstanding ■ CONC App 1.1.17 R, that

- (i) the amount of credit outstanding at the beginning of a period is to remain outstanding throughout the period;
- (ii) the amount of any credit provided during a period is provided immediately after the end of the period; and
- (iii) any repayment of *credit* or of the *total charge for credit* made during a period is made immediately after the end of the period;
- (c) the assumption that the amount of any repayment of credit or of the total charge for credit will, at the time when the repayment is made, be the smallest for which the agreement provides.
- (3) In determining the amount of the total of the interest on the credit which may be provided under the credit agreement, any subsidy receivable by any person under Part II of the Housing Subsidies Act 1967 shall be deducted.

#### Total charge for credit

**App 1.1.4** R For the purposes of the *Regulated Activities Order*, the total charge for the *credit* which may be provided under an actual or prospective credit agreement shall be the total of the amounts determined as at the date of the making of the credit agreement of such of the charges specified in ■ CONC App 1.1.5 R as apply in relation to the *credit agreement* but excluding the amount of the charges specified in ■ CONC App 1.1.6 R.

#### Items included in total charge for credit

App 1.1.5 R Except as provided in ■ CONC App 1.1.6 R, the amounts of the following charges are included in the total charge for credit in relation to a credit agreement:

- (a) the total of the interest on the *credit* which may be provided under the credit agreement;
- (b) other charges at any time payable under the transaction by or on behalf of the borrower or a relative of his whether to the lender or any other person; and
- (c) a premium under a contract of insurance, payable under the transaction by the borrower or a relative of his, where the making or maintenance of the contract of insurance is required by the lender
  - (i) as a condition of making the credit agreement, and
  - (ii) for the sole purpose of ensuring complete or partial repayment of the credit, and complete or partial payment to the lender of such of those charges included in the total charge for credit as are payable to him under the transaction, in the event of the death, invalidity, illness or unemployment of the borrower,

notwithstanding that the whole or part of the charge may be repayable at any time or that the consideration therefor may include matters not within the transaction or subsisting at a time not within the duration of the credit agreement.

#### Items excluded from total charge for credit

#### App 1.1.6 R

- (1) The amounts of the following items are not included in the total charge for credit in relation to a credit agreement:
  - (a) any charge payable under the transaction to the lender upon failure by the borrower or a relative of his to do or to refrain from doing anything which he is required to do or to refrain from doing, as the case may be;
  - (b) any charge
    - (i) which is payable by the *lender* to any *person* upon failure by the borrower or a relative of his to do or to refrain from doing anything which he is required under the transaction to do or to refrain from doing, as the case may be, and
    - (ii) which the *lender* may under the *transaction* require the *borrower* or a relative of his to pay to him or to another person on his behalf:
  - (c) any charge relating to a credit agreement which is a credit agreement to finance a transaction of a description referred to in (2)(a) or (b) of the definition of restricted-use credit agreement, being a charge which would be payable if the transaction were for cash;
  - (d) any charge (other than a fee or commission charged by a credit broker) not within (c) above
    - (i) of a description which relates to services or benefits incidental to the *credit agreement* and also to other services or benefits which may be supplied to the borrower, and
    - (ii) which is payable pursuant to an obligation incurred by the borrower under arrangements effected before he applies to enter into the *credit agreement*, not being arrangements under which the borrower is bound to enter into any credit agreement;
  - (e) subject to (2) below, any charge under arrangements for the care, maintenance or protection of any land or goods;
  - (f) charges for money transmission services relating to an arrangement for a current account, being charges which vary with the use made by the borrower of the arrangement;
  - (g) any charge for a guarantee other than a guarantee
    - (i) which is required by the *lender* as a condition of making the *credit* agreement, and
    - (ii) the purpose of which is to ensure complete or partial repayment of the *credit*, and complete or partial payment to the *lender* of such of those charges included in the total charge for credit as are payable to him under the transaction, in the event of the death, invalidity, illness or unemployment of the borrower;
  - (h) charges for the transfer of funds (other than charges within (f) above) and charges for keeping an account intended to receive payments towards the repayment of the credit and the payment of interest and other charges, except where the borrower does not have reasonable freedom of choice in the matter and where such charges are abnormally high; but this sub-paragraph does not exclude from the total charge for credit charges for collection of the payments to which it refers, whether such payments are made in cash or otherwise;

- (i) a premium under a contract of insurance other than a contract of insurance referred to in CONC App 1.1.5R (c).
- (2) (1) above has effect only
  - (a) in the case of a charge within (e), where, in pursuance of the arrangements
    - (i) the services are to be performed if, after the date of the making of the credit agreement, the condition of the land or goods becomes, or is in immediate danger of becoming, such that the land or goods cannot reasonably be enjoyed or used, and
    - (ii) the charge will not accrue unless the services are performed; and
  - (b) in the case of any other charge within (e)
    - (i) where provision of substantially the same description as that to which the arrangements relate is available under comparable arrangements from a *person* who is not the *lender* or a *supplier* or a *credit broker* who introduced the *borrower* and the *lender*, and
    - (ii) where the arrangements are made with a *person* chosen by the *borrower*, and
    - (iii) if, in accordance with the transaction, the consent of the lender or of a supplier or of the credit broker who introduced the borrower and the lender is required to the making of the arrangements, where the transaction provides that such consent may not be unreasonably withheld whether because no incidental benefit will or may accrue to the lender or to the supplier or to the credit broker or on any other ground;

and references in this sub-paragraph to the *lender*, a *supplier* and a *credit* broker include references to his near relative, his partner and a member of a group of which he is a member, to any *person* nominated by him or any such person in relation to the arrangements, and to a near relative of his partner; and "near relative" means, in relation to any *person*, the husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter of that person and "group" means the *person* (including a company) having control of a company together with all the companies directly or indirectly controlled by him.

## Rate of total charge for credit

- App 1.1.8 
  R The annual percentage rate of charge referred to in CONC App 1.1.7 R shall be rounded to one decimal place as follows
  - (a) where the figure at the second decimal place is greater than or equal to 5, the figure at the first decimal place shall be increased by one and the decimal place (or places) following the first decimal place shall be disregarded; and

- (b) where the figure at the second decimal place is less than 5, that decimal place and any decimal places following it shall be disregarded.
- App 1.1.9 R
- (1) Subject to (4) below, the annual percentage rate of charge is the rate for i which satisfies the equation set out in (2) below, expressed as a percentage.
- (2) The equation referred to in (1) above is

$$\sum_{K=1}^{K=m} \frac{A_K}{(1+i)^{t_K}} = \sum_{K'=1}^{K'=m'} \frac{A'_{K'}}{(1+i)^{t_{K'}}}$$

where

K is the number identifying a particular advance of credit;

K' is the number identifying a particular instalment;

 $A_K$  is the amount of advance K;

 $A'_{K}$ ' is the amount of instalment K';

 $\sum$  represents the sum of all the terms indicated;

m is the number of advances of credit;

m'is the total number of instalments;

K is the interval, expressed in years, between the relevant date and the date of the second advance and those of any subsequent advances number three to m;

'K' is the interval, expressed in years, between the relevant date and the dates of instalments numbered one to m'.

- (3) In (2) above, references to instalments are references to any payment made by, or on behalf of, the borrower or a relative of his which comprises
  - (a) a repayment of all or part of the *credit* under the *credit* agreement;
  - (b) a payment of all or part of the total charge for credit; or
  - (c) both a repayment of all or part of the *credit* and a payment of all or part of the total charge for credit.
- (4) Where more than one rate is given under (1) above, the annual percentage rate of charge is the positive rate nearest to zero or, if no positive rate is so given, the negative rate nearest to zero.

#### **Computation of time**

- App 1.1.10 R
- (1) This rule has effect for determining the length of any period for the purposes of calculations under ■ CONC App 1.1.7 R to ■ CONC App 1.1.9 R.
- (2) A period which is not a whole number of calendar months or a whole number of weeks shall be counted in years and days.
- (3) Subject to (4) below, a period which is a whole number of calendar months or a whole number of weeks shall be counted in calendar months or in weeks, as the case may be.

- (4) Where a period is both a whole number of calendar months and a whole number of weeks and
  - (a) one repayment only is to be made, the period shall be counted in calendar months, or
  - (b) more than one repayment is to be made
    - (i) if all such repayments are to be made at intervals from the *relevant* date of one or more weeks, the period shall be counted in weeks, and
    - (ii) in any other case, the period shall be counted in calendar months.
- (5) A period which is to be counted
  - (a) in calendar months shall be taken to be of a length equal to the relevant number of twelfth parts of a year, and
  - (b) in weeks, shall be taken to be of a length equal to the relevant number of fifty-second parts of a year.
- (6) A day may be taken to be either
  - (a) one three hundred and sixty-fifth part of a year or, if it is a leap year, one three hundred and sixty-sixth part of a year; or
  - (b)  $\frac{1}{365.25}$

of a year.

(7) Every day shall be taken to be a working day.

#### **Assumptions for calculations**

- App 1.1.11 R
- (1) The provisions of CONC App 1.1.11 R to CONC App 1.1.18 R shall have effect as the case may require for the purpose of the calculation of the *total* charge for credit under CONC App 1.1.4 R to CONC App 1.1.6 R above and of the rate of such charge under CONC App 1.1.7 R to CONC App 1.1.10 R above in relation to any actual or prospective credit agreement in respect of matters necessary for the calculation which cannot be ascertained by the *lender* at the date of the making of the credit agreement.
- (2) In a case where apart from this paragraph CONC App 1.1.12 R and one or more other provisions of CONC App 1.1.11 R to CONC App 1.1.18 R would fall to be applied, the said CONC App 1.1.12 R shall be applied first.

#### Assumption about the amount of credit

- App 1.1.12 R Where the amount of the *credit* to be provided under the *credit agreement* cannot be ascertained at the date of the making of the *credit agreement*,
  - (a) in the case of a *credit agreement* for *running-account credit* under which there is a *credit limit*, that amount shall be taken to be such *credit limit*; and
  - (b) in any other case, that amount shall be taken to be £100.

#### Assumption about period for which credit is provided

App 1.1.13 R

Where the period for which *credit* is to be provided is not ascertainable at the date of the making of the credit agreement, it shall be assumed that credit is provided for one year beginning with the relevant date.

#### Assumption about index-linked rates and amounts

App 1.1.14 R

Subject to ■ CONC App 1.1.15 R, where the rate or amount of any item included in the total charge for credit or the amount of any repayment of credit under a transaction falls to be ascertained thereunder by reference to the level of any index or other factor in accordance with any formula specified therein, the rate or amount, as the case may be, shall be taken to be the rate or amount so ascertained, the formula being applied as if the level of such index or other factor subsisting at the date of the making of the credit agreement were that subsisting at the date by reference to which the formula is to be applied.

#### Assumptions about variations of interest rates in land-related agreements

App 1.1.15 R

- (1) This rule applies to any land-related agreement which provides for the possibility of any variation of the rate of interest if it is to be assumed, by virtue of ■ CONC App 1.1.3R (1)(e), that the variation will take place but the amount of the variation cannot be ascertained at the date of the making of the credit agreement.
- (2) In this rule

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"initial standard variable rate"	means			
	(a)	the standard variable rate of interest which would be applied by the lender to the credit agreement on the date of the making of the credit agreement if the credit agreement provided for interest to be paid at the lender's standard variable rate with effect from that date, or		
	(b)	if there is no such rate, the standard variable rate of interest applied by the <i>lender</i> on the date of the making of the <i>credit agreement</i> in question to other <i>land-related agreements</i> or, where there is more than one such rate, the highest such rate,		
	taking no account (for the avoidance of doubt) of any discount or other reduction to which the borrower would or might be entitled; and			

"varied rate" means any rate of interest charged when a variation of the rate of interest is to be assumed to take place by virtue of CONC App 1.1.3R (1)(e).

- (3) Where a land-related agreement provides a formula for calculating a varied rate by reference to a standard variable rate of interest applied by the lender, or any other fluctuating rate of interest, but does not enable the varied rate to be ascertained at the date of the making of the credit agreement because it is not known on that date what the standard variable rate will be or (as the case may be) at what level the fluctuating rate will be fixed when the varied rate falls to be calculated, it shall be assumed that that rate or level will be the same as the initial standard variable rate.
- (4) Where a land-related agreement provides for the possibility of any variation in the rate of interest (other than a variation referred to in (3) above) which it is to be assumed, by virtue of CONC App 1.1.3R (1)(e) will take place but does not enable the amount of that variation to be ascertained at the date of the making of the *credit agreement*, it shall be assumed that the varied rate will be the same as the initial standard variable rate.

## Assumption about changes in charges

#### App 1.1.16 R Where

- (a) the period for which the *credit* or any part thereof is to be or may be provided cannot be ascertained at the date of the making of the *credit* agreement; and
- (b) the rate or amount of any item included in the *total charge for credit* will change at a time provided in the *transaction* within one year beginning with the *relevant date*,

the rate or amount shall be taken to be the highest rate or amount at any time obtaining under the *transaction* in that year.

#### Assumption about time of provision of credit

App 1.1.17 R

Where the earliest date on which *credit* is to be provided cannot be ascertained at the date of the making of the *credit* agreement, it shall be assumed that *credit* is provided on that date.

#### Assumptions about time of payment of charges

#### App 1.1.18 R In the case of any transaction it shall be assumed

- (a) that a charge payable at a time which cannot be ascertained at the date of the making of the credit agreement shall be payable on the relevant date or, where it may reasonably be expected that a borrower will not make payment on that date, on the earliest date at which it may reasonably be expected that he will make payment; or
- (b) where more than one payment of a charge of the same description falls to be made at times which cannot be ascertained at the date of the making of the *credit agreement*, that the first such payment will be payable on the *relevant date* (or, where it may reasonably be expected that a *borrower* will not make payment on that date, at the earliest date on which it may

reasonably be expected that he will make payment), that the last such payment will be payable at the end of the period for which credit is provided and that all other such payments (if any) will be payable at equal intervals between such times,

as the case may require.

#### 1.2 Total charge for credit rules for other agreements

#### Interpretation

#### App 1.2.1 R

- (1) In this section
  - (a) a reference to a rate of interest is a reference to the interest rate expressed as a fixed or variable percentage applied on an annual basis to the amount of credit drawn down;

(b) a reference to an open-end regulated credit agreement is to a regulated credit agreement of no fixed duration and includes credits which must be repaid in full within or after a period but, once repaid, become available to be drawn down again.

#### **Application**

App 1.2.2 R This section shall not apply to regulated credit agreements which are secured on land or to prospective regulated credit agreements which are to be secured on land except to the extent that the Consumer Credit (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2010 apply to such agreements.

#### Total charge for credit

#### App 1.2.3 R

- (1) The total charge for credit which may be provided under an actual or prospective regulated credit agreement shall be the total cost of credit to the borrower determined in accordance with the requirements in (2) to (5) below.
- (2) Subject to (3), the following costs shall be included in the total cost of credit to the borrower:
  - (-a) any fee or charge payable by the borrower to a credit broker in connection with the agreement (if the fee or charge is known to the lender);
  - (a) the costs of maintaining an account recording both payment transactions and drawdowns;
  - (b) the costs of using a means of payment for both payment transactions and drawdowns:
  - (c) other costs relating to payment transactions.
- (3) The costs at (2) shall not be included in the total cost of credit to the borrower where

- (a) the opening of the account is optional and the costs of the account have been clearly and separately shown in the regulated credit agreement or in any other agreement made with the borrower;
- (b) in the case of an overdraft facility the costs do not relate to that facility.
- (4) Costs in respect of an ancillary service shall be included in the total cost of credit to the borrower if the conclusion of a service contract is compulsory in order to obtain the *credit* or to obtain it on the terms and conditions marketed.
- (5) The total cost of credit to the borrower shall not include
  - (a) any charges payable by or on behalf of the borrower or a relative of his for non-compliance with his commitments contained in the regulated credit agreement;
  - (b) charges which, for purchases of goods or services, he or a relative of his is obliged to pay whether the transaction is effected in cash or on credit.
- (6) In (4), the reference to an ancillary service means a service that relates to the provision of *credit* under the *regulated credit agreement* and includes in particular an insurance or payment protection policy.
- (7) The total cost of credit to the borrower must not take account of any discount, reward (including 'cash back') or other benefit to which the borrower might be entitled, whether such an entitlement is subject to conditions or otherwise.

#### Total cost of credit

App 1.2.3A | G | The total cost of credit to the borrower includes fee or charge payable by the borrower to a credit broker, if the fee or charge is known to the lender. ■ CONC 4.4.2R(3) requires the *credit broker* to disclose their fee to the *lender*. Lenders should take reasonable steps to ascertain whether a fee is payable to the credit broker and, if so, the amount of the fee.

# Calculation of the annual percentage rate of charge

App1.2.4 R The annual percentage rate of charge shall be calculated in accordance with the mathematical formula set out in ■ CONC App 1.2.6 R.

# Assumptions for calculation

- App1.2.5 R For the purposes of calculating the total charge for credit and the annual percentage rate of charge:
  - (a) it shall be assumed that the regulated credit agreement is to remain valid for the period agreed and that the lender and the borrower will fulfil their obligations under the terms and by the dates specified in that agreement;
  - (b) in the case of a regulated credit agreement allowing variations in
    - (i) the rate of interest, or
    - (ii) where applicable, charges contained in the annual percentage rate of charge,

- where these cannot be quantified at the time of calculation, it shall be assumed that they will remain at the initial level and will be applicable for the duration of the agreement;
- (c) where not all rates of interest are determined in the regulated credit agreement, a rate of interest shall, where necessary, be assumed to be fixed only for the partial periods for which the rate of interest is determined exclusively by a fixed specific percentage agreed when the agreement is made;
- (d) where different rates of interest and charges are to be offered for limited periods or amounts during the regulated credit agreement, the rate of interest and the charge shall, where necessary, be assumed to be at the highest level for the duration of the agreement;
- (e) where there is a fixed rate of interest agreed in relation to an initial period under a regulated credit agreement, at the end of which a new rate of interest is determined and subsequently periodically adjusted according to an agreed indicator, it shall, where necessary, be assumed that, at the end of the period of the fixed rate of interest, the rate of interest is the same as at the time of making the calculation, based on the value of the agreed indicator at that time;
- (f) where the regulated credit agreement gives the borrower freedom of drawdown, the total amount of credit shall, where necessary, be assumed to be drawn down immediately and in full;
- (fa) where the regulated credit agreement imposes, amongst the different ways of drawdown, a limitation with regard to the amount of credit and period of time, the amount of credit shall, where necessary, be assumed to be the maximum amount provided for in the agreement and to be drawn down on the earliest date provided for in the agreement;
- (g) where the regulated credit agreement provides different ways of drawdown with different charges or rates of interest, the total amount of credit shall, where necessary, be assumed to be drawn down at the highest charge and rate of interest applied to the most common drawdown mechanism for the credit product to which the agreement relates;
- (h) for the purposes of (g), the most common drawdown mechanism for a particular credit product shall be assessed on the basis of the volume of transactions for that product in the preceding 12 months, or expected volumes in the case of a new credit product;
- (i) in the case of an overdraft facility, the total amount of credit shall, where necessary, be assumed to be drawn down in full and for the entire duration of the regulated credit agreement;
- (j) for the purposes of (i), if the duration of the overdraft facility is not known, it shall, where necessary, be assumed that the duration of the facility is three months:
- (k) in the case of an open-end regulated credit agreement, other than an overdraft facility, it shall, where necessary, be assumed that the credit is provided for a period of one year starting from the date of the initial drawdown, and that the final payment made by the borrower clears the balance of capital, interest and other charges, if any;
- (I) for the purposes of (k):

- (i) the capital is repaid by the *borrower* in equal monthly payments, commencing one month after the date of initial drawdown;
- (ii) in cases where the capital must be repaid in full, in a single payment, within or after each payment period, successive drawdowns and repayments of the entire capital by the *borrower* shall, where necessary, be assumed to occur over the period of one year;
- (iii) interest and other charges shall be applied in accordance with those drawdowns and repayments of capital and as provided for in the regulated credit agreement;
- (m) in the case of a regulated credit agreement, other than an overdraft facility, or an open-end regulated credit agreement:
  - (i) where the date or amount of a repayment of capital to be made by the borrower cannot be ascertained, it shall, where necessary, be assumed that the repayment is made at the earliest date provided for under the regulated credit agreement and is for the lowest amount for which the regulated credit agreement provides;
  - (ii) where it is not known on which date the *regulated credit agreement* is made, the date of the initial drawdown shall, where necessary, be assumed to be the date which results in the shortest interval between that date and the date of the first payment to be made by the *borrower*:
- (n) where the date or amount of a payment to be made by the *borrower* cannot be ascertained on the basis of the *regulated credit agreement* or the assumptions set out in (i) to (m), it shall, where necessary, be assumed that the payment is made in accordance with the dates and conditions required by the *lender* and, when these are unknown:
  - (i) interest charges are paid together with repayments of capital;
  - (ii) a non-interest charge expressed as a single sum is paid on the date of the making of the *regulated credit agreement*;
  - (iii) non-interest charges expressed as several payments are paid at regular intervals, commencing with the date of the first repayment of capital, and if the amount of such payments is not known they shall, where necessary, be assumed to be equal amounts;
  - (iv) the final payment clears the balance of capital, interest and other charges, if any;
- (o) in the case of an agreement for *running-account credit*, where the *credit limit* applicable to the *credit* is not yet known, that *credit limit* shall, where necessary, be assumed to be £1,200.

# App 1.2.5A G The assumptions set out in ■ CONC App 1.2.5R are intended to ensure that the total charge for credit and the annual percentage rate of charge are calculated in a consistent way to promote the comparability of different offers. The use of the term 'where necessary' in assumptions (c) to (o) in that rule makes clear that these assumptions only apply where they are necessary in relation to the specific agreement, for example, where key features such as the amount or duration of credit are uncertain. In general, though, the total charge for credit and the annual percentage rate of charge calculation will depend on the terms of the individual regulated credit agreement.

## **Calculation of the Annual Percentage Rate of Charge**

App 1.2.6 R

- (1) The annual percentage rate of charge ("APR") is calculated by means of the equation in (2) which equates, on an annual basis, the total present value of drawdowns with the total present value of repayments and payments of charges.
- (2) The equation referred to in (1) is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{m} C_k (1+X)^{-t_k} = \sum_{l=1}^{m} D_l (1+X)^{-s_l}$$

where

X is the APR;

m is the number of the last drawdown;

k is the number of a drawdown, thus  $1 \le k \le m$ ;

Ck is the amount of drawdown k;

tk is the interval, expressed in years and fractions of a year, between the date of the first drawdown and the date of each subsequent drawdown, thus  $t_1 = 0$ ;

m' is the number of the last repayment or payment of charges;

l is the number of a repayment or payment of charges;

 $D_l$  is the amount of a repayment or payment of charges

 $S_l$  is the interval, expressed in years and fractions of a year, between the date of the first drawdown and the date of each repayment or payment of charges.

- (3) For the purposes of (2)
  - (a) the amounts paid by both parties at different times shall not necessarily be equal and shall not necessarily be paid at equal intervals;
  - (b) the starting date shall be that of the first drawdown;
  - (c) intervals between dates used in the calculations shall be expressed in years or in fractions of a year;
  - (d) a year is assumed to have 365 days (366 days for leap years), 52 weeks or 12 equal months;
  - (e) an equal month is assumed to have 30.41666 days (365/12) regardless of whether or not it is a leap year;
  - (f) the result of the calculation shall be expressed with an accuracy of at least one decimal place; if the figure at the following decimal place is greater than or equal to 5, the figure at that particular decimal place shall be increased by one;
  - (g) the equation can be rewritten as set out in (h) using a single sum and the concept of flows (AK), which will be positive or negative, either paid or received during periods I to k, expressed in years;
  - (h) the equation referred to in (g) is

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_k (1+X)^{-t_k}$$

S being the present balance of flows; if the aim is to maintain the equivalence of flows, the value will be zero.

#### 1.3 Exemption of certain credit agreements secured on land

## Interpretation

#### App 1.3.1 R

- (1) This section specifies:
  - (a) the *persons* or classes of *persons* to whom the exemption in article 60E(2) of the *Regulated Activities Order* applies; and
  - (b) the agreements or classes of agreement to which the exemption in article 60E(2) of the *Regulated Activities Order* applies.

Paragraphs (2) to (5) do not apply where the applicable agreement is an MCD article 3(1)(b) credit agreement.

- (2) Where the *lender* is a body specified in CONC App 1.3.2 R or an *authorised* person with permission to accept deposits, article 60E(2) of the Regulated Activities Order applies only to
  - (a) a borrower-lender-supplier agreement falling within (a) or (c) of the definition of relevant credit agreement relating to the purchase of land;
  - (b) a borrower-lender agreement secured by any legal or equitable mortgage on land to finance
    - (i) the purchase of *land*; or
    - (ii) the provision of dwellings or business premises on any land; or
    - (iii) subject to (3) below, the alteration, enlarging, repair or improvement of a dwelling or business premises on any land;
  - (c) a borrower-lender agreement secured by any legal or equitable mortgage on land to refinance any existing indebtedness of the borrower, whether to the lender or another person, under any agreement by which the borrower was provided with credit for any of the purposes specified in (b)(i) to (iii) above.
- (3) (2)(b)(iii) above applies only
  - (a) where the *lender* is the *lender* under
    - (i) an agreement (whenever made) by which the *borrower* is provided with *credit* for any of the purposes specified in (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii); or

- (ii) an agreement (whenever made) refinancing an agreement under which the borrower is provided with credit for any of the said purposes,
- being, in either case, an agreement relating to the land referred to in (2)(b)(iii) and secured by a legal or equitable mortgage on that land; or
- (b) where a borrower-lender agreement to finance the alteration, enlarging, repair or improvement of a dwelling, secured by a legal or equitable mortgage on that dwelling, is made as a result of any such services as are described in section 4(3)(e) of the Housing Associations Act 1985 which are certified as having been provided by
  - (i) a local authority;
  - (ii) a housing association within the meaning of section 1 of the Housing Associations Act 1985 or article 3 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992;
  - (iii) a body established by such a housing association for the purpose of providing such services as are described in the said section 4(3)(e) of the Housing Associations Act 1985;
  - (iv) a charity;
  - (v) the National Home Improvement Council;
  - (vi) the Northern Ireland Housing Executive; or
  - (vii) a body, or a body of any description, that has been approved by the Secretary of State under section 169(4)(c) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 or the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland under article 103(4)(c) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.
- (4) Where the *lender* is a body specified in CONC App 1.3.3 R, the exemption in article 60E(2) of the Regulated Activities Order applies only to an agreement of a description specified in that rule in relation to that body and made pursuant to an enactment or for a purpose so specified.
- (5) Where the *lender* is a body specified in CONC App 1.3.4 R, the exemption in article 60E (2) of the Regulated Activities Order applies only to an agreement of a description falling within ■ CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to ■ CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being an agreement advancing money on the security of a dwelling-house.

#### App 1.3.2 R Bodies whose agreements of the specified description are exempt agreements

#### **INSURANCE COMPANIES**

Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited

Abbey Life Pension and Annuities Limited

Albany Life Assurance Company Limited

Allchurches Life Assurance Limited

Alliance Assurance Company Limited

Allied Dunbar Assurance PLC

Ambassador Life Assurance Company Limited

American Life Insurance Company

Ansvar Insurance Company Limited

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#### Bodies whose agreements of the specified description are exempt agreements

Atlas Assurance Company Limited

Australian Mutual Provident Society

Avon Insurance PLC

Black Horse Life Assurance Company Limited

**Bradford Insurance Company Limited** 

Britannic Assurance Public Limited Company

The British & European Reinsurance Company Limited

British Equitable Assurance Company Limited

The British Life Office Limited

The British Oak Insurance Company Limited

British Reserve Insurance Company Limited

Caledeonian Insurance Company

The Cambrian Insurance Company Limited

The Canada Life Assurance Company

Cannon Assurance Limited

Car and General Insurance Corporation Limited

City of Westminster Assurance Company Limited

City of Westminster Assurance Society Limited

Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society

Colonial Life (UK) Limited

The Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited

Commercial Union Assurance Company plc

**Commercial Union Pensions Management Limited** 

Commercial Union Life Assurance Company Limited

Confederation Life Insurance Company

The Contingency Insurance Company Limited

Co-operative Insurance Society Limited

Cornhill Insurance Public Limited Company

Criterion Insurance Company Limited

Crown Life Assurance Company Limited

Crown Life Insurance Company Limited

Crown Life Pensions Limited

Crusader Insurance PLC

The Dominion Insurance Company Limited

**Eagle Star Insurance Company Limited** 

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc

**Economic Insurance Company Limited** 

English & American Insurance Company Limited

The Equitable Life Assurance Society

**Equico International Limited** 

Equity & Law Life Assurance Society plc

Essex and Suffolk Insurance Company Limited

**Excess Insurance Company Limited** 

Federation Mutual Insurance Limited

Fine Art and General Insurance Company Limited

Friends' Provident Life Office

FS Assurance Limited

General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Public Limited Company

General Accident Life Assurance Limited

General Accident Linked Life Assurance Limited

General Portfolio Life Insurance Public Limited Company

Gisborne Life Assurance Company Limited

Gresham Life Assurance Society Limited

Guardian Assurance plc

Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance plc

Hill Samuel Life Assurance Limited

The Ideal Insurance Company Limited

The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada

Irish Life Assurance plc

The Iron Trades Employers Insurance Association Limited

Legal and General Assurance Society Limited

The Licenses and General Insurance Company Limited

The Life Association of Scotland Limited

London Aberdeen & Northern Mutual Assurance Society Limited

London and Manchester Assurance Company Limited

London and Manchester (Pensions) Limited

London & Scottish Assurance Corporation Limited

The London Assurance

The London Life Association Limited

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company

Marine and General Mutual Life Assurance Society

Maritime Insurance Company Limited

Medical Sickness Annuity & Life Assurance Society Limited

The Mercantile and General Reinsurance Company plc

Midland Assurance Limited

The Motor Union Insurance Company Limited

Minister Insurance Company Limited

Municipal Life Assurance Limited

Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited

**NALGO Insurance Association Limited** 

National Employers' Life Assurance Company Limited

National Employers' Mutual General Insurance Association Limited

The National Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Society Limited

National House-Building Council

#### Bodies whose agreements of the specified description are exempt agreements

The National Insurance and Guarantee Corporation PLC

The National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Limited

National Mutual Life Assurance Society

**National Provident Institution** 

National Vulcan Engineering Insurance Group Limited

N.E.L. Pensions Limited

The New Zealand Insurance plc

North British & Mercantile Insurance Company Limited

The Northern Assurance Company Limited

Norwich Union Asset Management Limited

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Limited

Norwich Union Insurance Group (Pensions Management) Limited

Norwich Union Life Insurance Society

NRG London Reinsurance Company Limited

Oaklife Assurance Limited

The Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Limited

The Orion Insurance Company P.L.C.

Pearl Assurance Public Limited Company

Pensions Management (SWF) Limited

Permanent Insurance Company Limited

Phoenix Assurance Public Limited Company

Pioneer Mutual Insurance Company Limited

Prolific Life and Pensions Limited

Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Limited

Provident Life Association Limited

Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association

Provincial Insurance Public Limited Company

The Prudential Assurance Company Limited

Railway Passengers Assurance Company

Refuge Assurance, public Limited company

Regency Life Assurance Company Limited

The Reliance Fire and Accident Insurance Corporation Limited

The Reliance Marine Insurance Company Limited

Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Limited

Royal Exchange Assurance

Royal Insurance Public Limited Company

Royal Insurance (Int.) Limited

Royal Insurance (U.K.) Limited

Royal Life Insurance Limited

Royal Life (Unit Linked Assurances) Limited

Royal Life (Unit Linked Pension Funds) Limited

The Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Limited

The Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses

Royal Reinsurance Company Limited

Schroder Life Assurance Limited

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society

Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society

Scottish General Insurance Company Limited

Scottish Insurance Corporation Limited

The Scottish Life Assurance Company

The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society

The Scottish Provident Institution

Scottish Union and National Insurance Company

Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society

Sentinel Life plc

Skandia Life Assurance Company Limited

Standard Life Assurance Company

Standard Life Pension Funds Limited

The State Assurance Company Limited

Suffolk Life Annuities Limited

Sun Alliance and London Assurance Company Limited

Sun Insurance Office Limited

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada

Sun Life Assurance Society plc

Target Life Assurance Company Limited

Teachers Assurance Company Limited

Trident Investors Life Assurance Company Limited

Trident Life Assurance Company Limited

**Trinity Insurance Company Limited** 

**UK Life Assurance Company Limited** 

United British Insurance Company Limited

United Friendly Insurance plc

United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution

United Standard Insurance Company Limited

The University Life Assurance Society

The Victory Reinsurance Company Limited

Wesleyan and General Assurance Society

The Western Australian Insurance Company Limited

The White Cross Insurance Company Limited

World-Wide Reassurance Company Limited

The Yorkshire Insurance Company Limited

Zurich Life Assurance Company Limited

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society

#### Bodies whose agreements of the specified description are exempt agreements

Anglo-Saxons Friendly Society

Blackburn Philanthropic Mutual Assurance Society

**British Benefit Society** 

British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners' Friendly Society

**Brunel Assurance Society** 

Cirencester Benefit Society

Civil Servants' Annuities Assurance Society

Colmore Friendly Society

**Coventry Assurance Society** 

**Dentists' Provident Society** 

Devon and Exeter Women's Equitable Benefit Society

The Exeter Equitable Friendly Society

Grand United Order of Oddfellows Friendly Society

The Hampshire and General Friendly Society

Harvest Friendly Society

Hearts of Oak Benefit Society

The Ideal Benefit Society

Independent Order of Oddfellows Kingston Unity Friendly Society

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society

The Independent Order of Rechabites, Salford Unity, Friendly Society

Leeds District of the Ancient Order of Foresters Investment Association

Leek Assurance Collecting Society

The Leicester District Foresters' Investment Society

Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society

The Manchester and Districts of the Ancient Order of Foresters Investment Association

**National Deposit Friendly Society** 

National Equalized Druids Friendly Society

National United Order of Free Gardeners Friendly Society

New Tab Friendly Society

Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund Friendly Society

Nottingham Oddfellows Assurance Friendly Society

The Order of Druids Friendly Society

The Order of the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society

**Original Holloway Society** 

Pioneer Benefit Society

**Preston Catholic Collecting Society** 

Preston Shelley Assurance Collecting Society

**Provident Reliance Friendly Society** 

Rational and County Assurance Society

Royal Liver Friendly Society

Scottish Friendly Assurance Society

The Scottish Legal Life Assurance Society

The Shepherds Friendly Society

Sons of Scotland Temperance Friendly Society

Stepney District Distressed Members' Pension Benevolent Fund

The Sussex Widow and Orphans Society

**Teachers Provident Society** 

**Time Assurance Society** 

Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society

Tunstall and District Assurance Collecting Society

United Ancient Order of Druids Friendly Society

United Kingdom Civil Service Benefit Society

United Patriots' National Benefit Society

West Surrey General Benefit Society

Widow and Orphan Fund of the Woolwich District of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society

Widow and Orphans' Fund, Stepney District of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society

Widow, Widowers and Orphans' Fund of the Godalming District of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, Friendly Society

Wiltshire Holloway Benefit Society

#### **CHARITIES**

The Central Board of Finance of the Church of England

**Church Commissioners** 

The Church of England Pensions Board

The Church of Scotland

The Church of Scotland General Trustees

Church of Scotland Trust

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales

**Timber Trades Benevolent Society** 

The Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance

York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited

AGRICULTURAL CORPORATIONS

The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Public Limited Company

The Scottish Agricultural Securities Corporation Public Limited Company

**OTHER BODIES** 

**General Practice Finance Corporation Limited** 

## App 1.3.3 R

Bodies Corporate	Description of Agreement and Enactments  LAND IMPROVEMENT COMPANIES	
The Lands Improvement Company:	Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements made pursuant to	
	(a)	the Lands Improvement Company's Acts 1853 to 1969; or
	(b)	the Improvement of Land Acts 1864 and 1899.

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The Greater London

Authority

Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements made under the Authority's power to give financial assistance under section 30 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

**Homes and Communities** Agency

Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements made under the Agency's powers to give financial assistance under section 19 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

The Eastern Electricity Board:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Board and employees or prospective employees of the Board pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947.

The Electricity Council:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Council and employees or prospective employees of the Council pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947, as applied in relation to the Council by section 3(6) of the Electricity Act 1957.

The London Docklands Development Corporation:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made pursuant to section 136 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980.

The London Electricity Board:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Board and employees or prospective employees of the Board pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947.

The North Eastern Electricity Board:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Board and employees or prospective employees of the Board pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947.

Sea Fish Industry Authority:

Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements made pursuant to section 3(1)(e) and (f) of the Fisheries Act 1981.

The South Eastern Electricity Board:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Board and employees or prospective employees of the Board pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947.

city Board:

The South Western Electri- Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Board and employees or prospective employees of the Board pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947.

The Southern Electricity Board:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Board and employees or prospective employees of the Board pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947.

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The Yorkshire Electricity Board:

Agreements of a description falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c), being agreements made between the Board and employees or prospective employees of the Board pursuant to section 2(5) of the Electricity Act 1947.

**NORTHERN IRELAND** 

Eastern Health and Social Services Board:

Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements made pursuant to article 59 of and Schedule 9 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

Northern Health and Social Services Board:

Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements made pursuant to article 59 of and Schedule 9 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972

Southern Health and Social Services Board:

Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements made pursuant to article 59 of and Schedule 9 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

Welsh Ministers

Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land, being agreements falling within CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(a) to CONC App 1.3.1R (2)(c) which are made pursuant to section 36 of the New Towns Act 1981 and which related to property of the Commission for the New Towns transferred to them under a scheme made under section 51(1) of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

Services Board:

Western Health and Social Relevant credit agreements relating to the purchase of land being agreements made pursuant to article 59 of and Schedule 9 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

#### App 1.3.4 R

BODIES CORPORATE NAMED OR SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN AN ORDER MADE UNDER SECTION 156(4), 444(1) OR 447(2)(a) OF THE HOUSING ACT 1985

Abbey Life Executive Mortgages Limited

Abbey Life Funding Limited

Abbey Life Home Loans Limited

Abbey Life Home Services Limited

Abbey Life Mortgage Finance Limited

Abbey Life Mortgage Loans Limited

Abbey Life Mortgage Securities Limited

Abbey Life Residential Loans Limited

Albion Home Loans Limited

Alliance & Leicester Mortgage Loans Limited

Alliance & Leicester Mortgage Loans (No. 2) Limited

Alliance & Leicester Mortgage Loans (No. 3) Limited

Alliance & Leicester Mortgage Loans (No. 4) Limited

**Bradford & Bingley Homeloans Limited** 

Bradford & Bingley Homeloans Management Limited

Bradford & Bingley Loans Limited

Bradford & Bingley Management Limited

# BODIES CORPORATE NAMED OR SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN AN ORDER MADE UNDER SECTION 156(4), 444(1) OR 447(2)(a) OF THE HOUSING ACT 1985

Bradford & Bingley Mortgages Limited

Bradford & Bingley Mortgage Management Limited

**Bradford & Bingley Secured Loans Limited** 

Bradford & Bingley Secured Loans Management Limited

Britannia Mortgage Company Number One Limited

Britannia Mortgage Company Number Two Limited

Chelsea Mortgage Services Limited

**CIS Home Loans Limited** 

**CIS Mortgage Finance Limited** 

CIS Mortgage Maker Limited

CIS Residential Mortgages Limited

**CL Mortgages Limited** 

**Darlington Mortgage Services Limited** 

**Derbyshire Home Loans Limited** 

General Portfolio Finance Limited

Gracechurch Mortgage Finance (No. 2) PLC

Gracechurch Mortgage Finance (No. 3) PLC

Halifax Loans Limited

Halifax Loans (No. 2) Limited

Halifax Loans (No. 3) Limited

Halifax Loans (No. 4) Limited

**HMC First Home National PLC** 

Home Loans Direct Limited

Home Loans Direct Funding PLC

Household Mortgage Corporation PLC

**Ipswich Mortgage Services Limited** 

LBS Mortgages Limited

Leamington Mortgage Corporation Limited

Leeds & Holbeck Mortgage Corporation Limited

Leeds & Holbeck Mortgage Funding Limited

Legal and General Mortgage Services Limited

**Lombard Home Loans Limited** 

London and Manchester (Mortgages) (No. 1) Limited

London and Manchester (Mortgages) (No. 2) Limited

London and Manchester (Mortgages) (No. 3) Limited

London and Manchester (Mortgages) (No. 4) Limited

London and Manchester (Mortgages) (No. 5) Limited

Market Harborough Mortgages Limited

The Mortgage Corporation Limited

The National Home Loans Corporation plc

National Mutual Home Loans plc

National Westminster Home Loans Limited

# BODIES CORPORATE NAMED OR SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN AN ORDER MADE UNDER SECTION 156(4), 444(1) OR 447(2)(a) OF THE HOUSING ACT 1985

Newbury Mortgage Services Limited

Northern Rock Mortgage Services Limited

North Yorkshire Mortgages Limited

Norwich and Peterborough (LBS) Limited

Norwich Union Mortgage Finance Limited

Royal London Homebuy Limited

Saffron Walden Mortgage Services Limited

Secured Residential Funding PLC

Stroud and Swindon Mortgage Company Limited

Stroud and Swindon Mortgage Company (No. 2) Limited

Sun Life of Canada Home Loans Limited

Wesleyan Home Loans Limited

West Bromwich Mortgage Company Limited

#### 1.4 Exemption for high net worth borrowers and hirers and exemption relating to businesses

#### **Exemption for high net worth borrowers and hirers**

## App 1.4.1 R

- (1) For the purposes of articles 60H(1)(c) and 60Q(b) of the Regulated Activities Order and of ■ CONC 1.2.10R(2), a declaration made by the borrower or hirer which provides that the borrower or hirer agrees to forgo the protection and remedies that would be available to the borrower or hirer if the agreement were a regulated credit agreement or a regulated consumer hire agreement must comply with ■ CONC App 1.4.2R and either ■ CONC App 1.4.6R or, in the case of an MCD article 3(1)(b) credit agreement, ■ CONC App 1.4.6AR.
- (2) For the purposes of articles 60H(1)(d) and 60Q(c) of the Regulated Activities Order and of ■ CONC 1.2.10R(2), a statement in relation to the income or assets of the borrower or hirer (referred to in this section as a statement of high net worth) must comply with ■ CONC App 1.4.3 R, ■ CONC App 1.4.4 R and ■ CONC App 1.4.7 R.
- (3) For the purposes of articles 60H(1)(e) and 60Q(d) of the Regulated Activities Order and of ■ CONC 1.2.10R(2), the statement in (2) must be made during the period of one year ending with the day on which the agreement was made.
- App 1.4.2 R A declaration for the purposes of articles 60H(1)(c) and 60Q(b) of the Regulated Activities Order and of ■ CONC 1.2.10R(2) shall

- (1) be set out in the credit agreement or consumer hire agreement no less prominently than other information in the agreement and be readily distinguishable from the background medium; and
- (2) be signed by the borrower or hirer, unless the agreement is so signed.

#### App 1.4.3 R

- (1) Subject to CONC App 1.4.4 R, a statement of high net worth shall be signed
  - (a) the lender or owner; or
  - (b) an accountant who is a member of any of the bodies listed in (2).
- (2) The bodies referred to in (1)(b) are:
  - (a) the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;
  - (b) the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;
  - (c) the Institute of Chartered Accounts in Ireland;
  - (d) the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants;
  - (e) the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants;
  - (f) the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy;
  - (fa) the Association of International Accountants; and
  - (g) a professional body for accountants established in a jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom.

#### App 1.4.4 R A person who is

- (1) the lender or owner;
- (2) an employee or agent of the *lender* or owner or a person who otherwise acts on behalf of the lender or owner in relation to the credit agreement or consumer hire agreement; or
- (3) an associate of the lender or owner,

may only make a statement of high net worth if the lender or owner is a person who has Part 4A permission to accept deposits.

#### **Declaration for exemption relating to businesses**

App1.4.5 R A declaration for the purposes of articles 60C or 60O of the Regulated Activities Order shall

- (1) comply with CONC App 1.4.8 R;
- (2) be set out in the credit agreement or consumer hire agreement no less prominently than other information in the agreement and be readily distinguishable from the background medium; and
- (3) be signed by the borrower or hirer or where the borrower or hirer is a partnership or unincorporated body of persons be signed by, or on behalf of, the borrower or hirer, unless the agreement is so signed.

# Declaration by high net worth borrower or hirer

App 1.4.6 R The declaration for the purposes of articles 60H(1)(c) and 60Q(b) of the Regulated Activities Order must have the following form and content-

#### "Declaration by high net worth borrower or hirer

#### (articles 60H(1) and 60Q of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated **Activities) Order 2001)**

I confirm that I have received a copy of the statement of high net worth made in relation to me for the purposes of article 60H(1)(d) or article 60Q(c) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001.

I understand that by making this declaration I will not have the benefit of the protection and remedies that would be available to me under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or the Consumer Credit Act 1974 if this agreement were a regulated agreement under those Acts.

I understand that this declaration does not affect the powers of the court to make an order under section 140B of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 in relation to a credit agreement where it determines that the relationship between the lender and the borrower is unfair to the borrower.\*

I am aware that if I am in any doubt as to the consequences of making this declaration then I should seek independent legal advice".

\*This section should be omitted in the case of a consumer hire agreement

#### App 1.4.6A R Declaration by high net worth borrower under an MCD article 3(1)(b) credit agreement

The declaration for the purposes of article 60H(1)(c) of the Regulated Activities Order and of ■ CONC 1.2.10R(2) must have the following form and content-

"Declaration by high net worth borrower under an MCD article 3(1)(b) credit agreement

#### (article 60H(1)(c) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated **Activities) Order 2001)**

I confirm that I have received a copy of the statement of high net worth made in relation to me for the purposes of article 60H(1)(d) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001.

I understand that by making this declaration I will not have the benefit of the protection and remedies that would be available to me under

- (a) the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, except for those that transpose or implement the Mortgage Credit Directive, Directive 2014/17/EU on credit agreements for consumers relating to residential immovable property, or
- (b) the Consumer Credit Act 1974,

if this were a regulated agreement under those Acts.

I understand that this declaration does not affect the powers of the court to make an order under section 140B of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 in relation to a credit agreement where it determines that the relationship between the lender and the borrower is unfair to the lender.

I am aware that if I am in any doubt as to the consequences of making this declaration then I should seek independent legal advice."

# Statement of high net worth

App 1.4.7 R A statement of high net worth for the purposes of articles 60H(1)(d) and 60Q(c) of the Regulated Activities Order must have the following form and content:

"Statement of High Net Worth

(articles 60H(1) and 60Q of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated **Activities) Order 2001)** 

I/We\* (insert full name) ...... of (insert address and postcode)...... confirm that I am/we\* are a person qualified to make a statement of high net worth under rules made by the Financial Conduct Authority, by virtue of the fact that .....

In my/our\* opinion (insert full name of borrower or hirer)

of (insert address and post code of borrower or hirer)

is an individual of high net worth because he/she\*

- (a) received during the previous financial year net income totalling an amount of not less than £150,000\*; and/or
- (b) had throughout that year net assets with a total value of not less than £500,000\*.

(insert one of the following declarations as appropriate)

I/We\* declare that I am/we are\* not connected to [insert name of the lender(s)/ owner(s)][any person who is a lender/owner offering credit agreements/consumer hire agreements\*].

I/We\* declare that I am/we are\* [connected to] [insert name of lender(s)/owner(s)] as I am/we are\* [the lender(s)/owner(s)/an employee of/an agent of the lender(s)// owner(s)/a person who otherwise acts on behalf of the lender(s)//owner(s) in relation to the credit agreement/consumer hire agreement/an associate of the lender(s)//owner(s)].\*

I/We declare that I am/we are\*/[a/an] lender(s)/owner(s) offering credit agreements/ consumer hire agreements/ an employee of/an agent of/a person who otherwise acts on behalf of/ an associate of lender(s)/owner(s) offering credit agreements/ consumer hire agreements.\*

In this statement-

- (a) "associate" shall be construed in accordance with article 60L of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001;
- (b) "financial year" means a period of one year ending with 31st March;
- (c) "net assets" shall not include -

- (i) the value of the borrower's or hirer's primary residence or any loan secured on that residence:
- (ii) any rights of the borrower or hirer under a qualifying contract of insurance within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001; and
- (iii) any benefits (in the form of pensions or otherwise) which are payable on the termination of the service of the borrower or hirer or on his retirement and to which he is (or his dependents are), or may be, entitled.
- (d) "net income" means the total income of the borrower or hirer from all sources reduced by the amount of income tax and national insurance contributions payable in respect of it; and
- (e) "previous financial year" means the financial year immediately preceding the financial year during which the statement is made".

# Declaration for exemption relating to businesses

**App 1.4.8** R A declaration for the purposes of articles 60C or 60O of the *Regulated Activities* Order must have the following form and content

"Declaration for exemption relating to businesses

(articles 60C and 60O of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated **Activities) Order 2001)** 

I am/We are\* entering this agreement wholly or predominantly for the purposes of a business carried on by me/us or intended to be carried on by me/us.

I/We\* understand that I/We\* will not have the benefit of the protection and remedies that would be available to me/us\* under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 if this agreement were a regulated agreement under those Acts.

I/We\* understand that this declaration does not affect the powers of the court to make an order under section 140B of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 in relation to a credit agreement where it determines that the relationship between the lender and the borrower is unfair to the borrower.\*\*

I am/We are aware that, if I am/we are in any doubts as to the consequences of the agreement not being regulated by the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or the Consumer Credit Act 1974, then I/we\* should seek independent legal advice.".

<sup>\*</sup>Delete as appropriate.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>This section should be omitted in the case of a consumer hire agreement.