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Welcome to CTIL23. The matters covered in this CTIL are:

- Improving Communication with Council Tax Payers
- Reminder on Electronic Distribution of Council tax Information Letters

Improving Communication with Council Tax Payers

The Council Tax and Non Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) Amendment (Regulations) 2001 SI No. 2001/3554 were laid on 8 November, coming into force on the 29 November.

These regulations implement proposals set out in the consultation paper, "Improving Communication With Council Taxpayers", which we issued in September.

The changes mean that 2002/03 demand notices will show, for the band the dwelling is in, the amount of council tax for the year for which the amount is due and also the percentage change between that and the previous year for the billing authority and major precepting authorities.

We have also amended the requirement to state on the demand notice the whole amount of any local precept. For 2002/03 demands, only those billing authorities which do not include a per dwelling amount in respect of any local precept, will be required to state on the demand notice the whole amount of the local precept.



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Copies of the regulations have been sent directly to all local authorities. It can also be viewed on the HMSO web site. For e-mail recipients, an electronic version is attached.

Reminder on Electronic Distribution of Council Tax Information Letters

A reminder that in CTIL22 (22 March 2001) we announced our intention to circulate all council tax information letters electronically. This is the last letter that will be sent out on paper. If you have not already done so, can you please contact Barbara Paterson(e-mail address barbara.paterson@dtlr.gsi.gov.uk) and give her details of your e-mail address. Copies of Information Letters will still be put onto our website.

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