

106 Carpets

This Report on the Carpets Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in manufacturing pile carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting from wool, cotton and man-made fibres, by weaving, tufting or other processes. Needle-loom carpets are excluded.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 419 in the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) which has been used for the first time as a basis of classification in the 1968 census.

The industry corresponds to the Carpets Industry (Part 83) in the reports on the last detailed Census of Production for 1963, except that the backing of carpets with rubber or plastic underlay formerly included in this industry is now included in the Report on the Manufactures of Rubber Industry (Part 144).

Throughout this Report, the figures given for 1963 have been reclassified, as far as possible, according to the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) so that data for 1963 and 1968 are on the same industrial basis. However the reclassification of small firms, which provided limited information only, has been arbitrary.

An additional table (Table 5 Supplement) which is derived from short period information and which supplements the broader figures for sales given in Table 5 is included in this report.

In interpreting the data in the tables it is essential to bear in mind the notes and definitions which appear on pages (i) to (iv).

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(b) The following information relates to small establishments (employing fewer than 25 persons) in this industry. It includes an estimate for small establishments not making satisfactory returns.

	1963	1968
Number of establishments	68	86
Average number employed		
Working proprietors	107	76
Other persons employed	702	1,018

(c) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered).

(d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

(e) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

(f) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 1 Industry summary, 1963 and 1968
United Kingdom (a) (b)

	Unit	All establishments		
		1963	1968	
Number of enterprises	No.	145	145	
Number of establishments	"	200	223	
Gross output	£'000	126,784	214,694	
Net output	"	49,235	77,504	
Net output per head	£	1,289	1,730	
Sales and work done	{ goods produced and work done (c)	£'000	123,387	197,733
	{ merchanted goods and canteen takings	"	1,689	14,959
Purchases	{ materials for use in production and packaging and fuel	"	73,648	116,953
	{ goods for merchenting and canteen purchases	"	1,522	12,276
Payments to other organisations	{ for work done on materials given out for transport	"	2,114	5,933
	{ by road	"	1,613	2,567
	{ by rail and other means excluding postal services	"			495
Stocks and work in progress				
Total stocks and work in progress	{ change during year	"	+ 3,055	+ 3,036
	{ at end of year	"	34,019	48,760
Goods on hand for sale	{ change during year	"	+ 1,075	+ 1,197
	{ at end of year	"	15,687	24,773
Work in progress	{ change during year	"	+ 633	+ 805
	{ at end of year	"	6,077	7,799
Materials, stores and fuel	{ change during year	"	+ 1,347	+ 1,033
	{ at end of year	"	12,255	16,187
Number employed on average during the year	{ total, including working proprietors	Th.	38.2	44.8
	{ operatives	"	30.9	35.1
	{ other employees (d)	"	7.1	9.5
Wages and salaries	{ of operatives	£'000	18,627	29,576
	{ of other employees (d)	"	6,364	11,952
Capital expenditure (e)				
Total	"	4,069	7,978	
New building work	"	763	2,381	
Land and existing buildings (f)	"	27	168	
Plant and machinery (f)	"	2,994	5,162	
Vehicles (f)	"	285	602	

(a) For 1968; estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns and for small establishments, from which only employment data were collected, accounted for 2 per cent. of the total figures in which they were incorporated: of this, unsatisfactory returns accounted for a negligible part. For 1963 the comparable figures were 3 per cent. and less than 1 per cent. respectively.

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TABLE 2 Analysis by size of establishment within the industry, 1968

(i) Output and employment

All establishments: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the establishment (a)	Estab-lish-ments	Enter-prises (b)	Total number employed on average during the year (a)	Gross output	Net output	Net output per head
	Number	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£
1-5	11	11	35	..	..	..
6-10	18	18	141	..	..	..
11-24	46	46	823	..	..	..
25-49	17	15	700	3,614	1,221	1,745
50-99	29	23	2,045	12,064	3,572	1,746
100-199	30	27	4,016	20,567	6,936	1,727
200-299	16	14	3,831	18,478	6,194	1,617
300-399	13	13	4,389	16,696	6,914	1,576
400-499	6	6	2,540	13,481	4,123	1,623
500-749	10	9	5,753	25,544	9,974	1,734
750 and over	16	13	20,423	99,012	36,661	1,795
Unsatisfactory returns	11	10	95	..	..	..
Total	223	145	44,791	214,694(c)	77,504(c)	1,730(c)

(ii) Employees, wages and salaries

All establishments: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the establishment (a)	Employees		Wages and salaries		Wages and salaries per head	
	Oper-atives	Others (d)	Oper-atives	Others (d)	Oper-atives	Others (d)
	Number	Number	£'000	£'000	£	£
1-5	..	..	..	..	..	..
6-10	..	..	..	..	..	..
11-24	..	..	..	..	..	..
25-49	562	126	461	131	821	1,039
50-99	1,633	407	1,379	451	844	1,107
100-199	3,182	817	2,496	891	784	1,091
200-299	3,039	787	2,344	953	771	1,211
300-399	3,602	783	2,869	959	796	1,225
400-499	2,003	535	1,787	645	892	1,205
500-749	4,492	1,259	3,820	1,537	850	1,221
750 and over	15,822	4,599	13,744	6,113	869	1,329
Unsatisfactory returns	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	35,134(c)	9,532(c)	29,576(c)	11,952(c)	842(c)	1,254(c)

(a) Including working proprietors.

(b) The sum of the figures for the size groups exceeds the total for the industry to the extent that enterprises made returns for establishments in more than one size group.

(c) Including estimates for establishments employing fewer than 25 persons and for establishments not making satisfactory returns.

(d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

TABLE 3 Percentage analysis of employees, by age and sex, 1969 (a)

All establishments: United Kingdom

Ages	Males	Females	All employees
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Under 18	3	5	8
18 and over	58	34	92
All ages	61	39	100

Source: Department of Employment

(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) at June 1969, the earliest date for which the information is available on the basis of the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968).

Footnotes to Table 4

(a) Some establishments employing fewer than 25 persons were included in returns for larger establishments. These amounted to 5 establishments in 1968 and 2 in 1963.

(b) The method of classifying returns to sub-divisions of the industry is explained in the notes; the characteristic products of each sub-division are identified in Table 5.

(c) The sum of the figures for the sub-divisions exceeds the total for the industry to the extent that enterprises made returns for more than one sub-division.

(d) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered).

(e) Direct sales of goods (excluding canteen takings) made to, and work done for, the general public by larger establishments are included. These amounted to £686,000 in 1968. Similar information is not available for 1963.

(f) Characteristic products relate only to sub-divisions of the industry.

(g) For sub-divisions of the industry, this is the ratio of sales of characteristic products to total sales of goods produced and work done. For the industry as a whole, this is the ratio of total sales of principal products by the industry to total sales of goods produced and work done.

(h) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

(i) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

(j) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 4 Analysis of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom (a)

	Unit	Sub-divisions of the industry (b)		Sub-divisions of the industry (b)						Total		
		Woven carpets, carpeting and carpet floor rugs		Woven carpets, carpeting and carpet floor rugs	Tufted carpets, carpeting and carpet floor rugs	Other including pile fabric rugs						
		Faced with yarn wholly or mainly of wool 01		Faced with other yarns 02	03		04					
		1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968	1963	1968	
Number of enterprises (c)	No.	42	32	8	16	20	27	12	9	75	68	
Number of establishments	"	68	68	16	27	24	37	20	10	128	142	
Gross output	£'000	80,696	94,503	13,944	44,338	21,813	66,809	6,687	4,198	123,140	209,848	
Net output	"	33,857	39,852	5,054	17,581	6,500	16,868	2,409	1,453	47,820	75,755	
Net output per head	£	1,289	1,720	1,185	1,790	1,649	1,714	911	1,523	1,289	1,730	
Sales and work done	{ goods produced and work done (d)(e) merchanted goods and canteen takings	£'000	79,033	89,010	13,424	35,182	20,679	65,282	6,704	3,795	119,841	193,270
		"	501	4,671	638	9,066	480	696	21	188	1,641	14,621
Sales of characteristic products	"	67,534	72,257	8,917	25,285	18,818	57,325	5,747	3,466	(f)	(f)	
Index of specialisation (g)	Per cent.	85	81	66	72	91	88	86	91	96	96	
Purchases	{ materials for use in production and packaging, and fuel goods for merchandising and canteen purchases	£'000	45,267	48,454	8,293	18,819	13,912	44,729	4,058	2,311	71,531	114,313
		"	489	3,854	540	7,389	431	591	18	165	1,478	11,999
Payments to other organisations	{ for work done on materials given out for transport by road by rail and other means excluding postal services	"	911	1,912	256	372	745	3,329	142	185	2,053	5,799
		"	981	994	92	429	394	1,026	99	60	1,566	2,509
		"										
Stocks and work in progress												
Goods on hand for sale	{ change during year at end of year	"	+ 729	+ 449	- 123	- 155	+ 462	+ 734	- 24	+ 143	+ 1,044	+ 1,170
		"	11,088	12,280	1,550	3,761	2,095	7,530	503	644	15,236	24,214
Work in progress	{ change during year at end of year	"	+ 432	+ 373	+ 5	+ 246	+ 192	+ 96	- 14	+ 72	+ 614	+ 787
		"	4,580	4,536	334	1,211	545	1,544	443	332	5,902	7,623
Materials, stores and fuel	{ change during year at end of year	"	+ 809	+ 805	+ 292	+ 330	+ 169	- 116	+ 38	- 9	+ 1,308	+ 1,010
		"	8,084	7,470	1,596	3,274	1,592	4,681	631	397	11,903	15,822
Number employed on average during the year	{ total including working proprietors operatives other employees (h)	No.	26,249	23,165	4,265	9,820	3,942	9,841	2,645	954	37,101	43,780
		"	21,492	18,477	3,474	7,906	2,924	7,277	2,233	739	30,123	34,399
		"	4,736	4,661	789	1,910	1,008	2,548	409	213	6,942	9,332
Wages and salaries	{ of operatives of other employees (h)	£'000	13,312	15,658	2,001	6,210	1,750	6,582	1,107	507	18,169	28,958
		"	4,418	6,003	638	2,783	812	2,667	336	248	6,205	11,701
Wages and salaries per head	{ operatives other employees (h)	£	619	847	576	785	598	905	496	686	603	842
		"	933	1,288	809	1,457	806	1,047	822	1,166	894	1,254
Capital expenditure (i)												
New building work	£'000	519	718	98	437	92	1,159	32	14	741	2,328	
Land and existing buildings	{ acquisitions disposals	"	113	33	2(j)	-	35	29	-(j)	-	159	62
		"	87	53		72	38	101		-	133	226
Plant and machinery	{ acquisitions disposals	"	1,722	2,163	457	792	617	2,213	216	27	3,013	5,195
		"	36	39	46	6	14	103	9	1	104	149
Vehicles	{ acquisitions disposals	"	249	400	45	230	106	237	47	32	447	899
		"	93	132	12	51	39	109	27	18	171	310

For notes to this table - see page 106/5.

TABLE 5 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments, including sales by establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

Industry sub-division (a)	1963	1968		
	Value	Value	Enter-prises	Entries
	£'000	£'000	Number	Number
Woven carpets, carpeting and carpet floor rugs (excluding pile fabric rugs)				
01 Faced with yarn containing 50 per cent. or more of wool	72,663	81,014	43	56
02 Faced with yarn containing more than 50 per cent. of man-made fibres	16,159	33,317	29	42
02 Faced with other yarns (but excluding those of jute)			1,203	*	6
03 Tufted carpets, carpeting and carpet floor rugs				
Faced with yarn containing 50 per cent. or more of wool	1,926	2,462	12	12
Other (eg faced with yarn of man-made fibres)	19,372	58,861	34	39
04 Pile fabric (including knitted pile fabric) rugs				
Faced with yarn containing 50 per cent. or more of mohair, wool, etc.	2,682	3,527	12	14
Faced with yarn containing more than 50 per cent. of man-made fibres	3,349	1,318	6	8
04 Other carpets, carpeting and floor rugs (including pegged and woven cloth types)	1,910	2,993	*	*
Other products			737	12	13
Waste products	380	622	48	65
Work done other than backing carpets with rubber or plastic underlay (b)	115	609	19	26
Total	118,555	186,662	..	..
Sales in other industries (see Table 6)	3,884	602	..	..
Principal products of this industry sold by establishments in the industry	114,671	186,060	68	96(c)

(a) The number given is that of the sub-division of which the item is a characteristic product. The sales shown are total sales by larger establishments, not merely sales by establishments classified to the sub-division.

(b) The backing of carpets with rubber or plastic underlay is an activity principal to the Rubber industry (Part 144).

(c) This figure represents the total number of returns made for larger establishments in this industry which is less than the total number of establishments shown in Table 4 on account of combined returns covering more than one establishment.

TABLE 5 SUPPLEMENT Manufacturers' sales of certain types of carpets and rugs, 1963 and 1968 (a)

Firms making more than 150 square yards a quarter: United Kingdom

	1963(b)		1968(c)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th. sq. yds.	£'000	Th. sq. yds.	£'000
Woven carpets, carpeting and carpet floor rugs				
Faced with woollen, worsted or mixture yarns containing 50% or more of wool				
Figured Brussels and Wilton	3,377	8,695	4,514	12,601
Plain Brussels and Wilton	6,293	12,664	9,173	19,713
Spool Axminster	18,891	29,824	16,295	31,311
Gripper Axminster	11,142	19,519	8,077	18,534
Machine made types not elsewhere specified	532	1,133	545	1,112
Total woven carpets etc faced with yarn containing 50% or more of wool	40,235	71,835	38,605	83,270
Faced with yarn of man-made fibres (eg nylon, acrylics, rayon etc) or over 50% of such yarn (excluding deep pile rugs)				
Figured Brussels and Wilton	1,585	2,162	1,407	2,273
Plain Brussels and Wilton	422	450	1,136	1,579
Spool Axminster	5,096	7,336	10,378	16,635
Gripper Axminster	4,584	6,029	9,199	13,632
Other machine made types	303	464	172	415
Total woven carpets etc faced with yarn of man-made fibres	11,990	16,441	22,292	34,534
Faced with hair (excluding mohair) yarn	295	327	196	295
Tufted carpets, carpeting and carpet floor rugs				
Faced with woollen, worsted or mixture yarns containing 50% or more of wool	1,398(d)	1,826(d)	1,083	2,044
Other eg faced with yarn of man-made fibres, or over 50% of such yarn	20,547(d)	17,581(d)	58,463	61,026
Rugs (of types not included above)				
Pile fabric and similar rugs				
Woven				
Faced wholly or mainly with yarn of mohair, wool etc	1,545	3,768	1,270	3,564
Faced with yarn of man-made fibres or over 50% of such yarn	1,213	1,353	546	627
Other than woven	133	429	872	1,646
Other (including pegged and woven cloth types)	105	299		
Total	77,460	113,857	123,327	187,006

(a) This table, which is derived from short period information, supplements the information collected in the 1963 and 1968 censuses and should be read in conjunction with Table 5. It excludes goods merchanted or factored (sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process).

(b) Twelve months ending 30 November.

(c) Twelve months ending 31 December.

(d) Figures relate to Great Britain only.

TABLE 6 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

Sales of principal products by larger establishments classified to other industries amounted to £3,884,000 in 1963 and £602,000 in 1968 but, owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms, separate particulars cannot be given.

TABLE 7 Sales of other than principal products by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received,
United Kingdom

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Value £'000	Quantity	Value £'000
Yarn of wool, cotton, man-made fibres and mixtures of cotton and man-made fibres	..	1,811	..	2,747
Jute carpets and carpeting, woven plastic matting and needleloom carpeting (a)	Th.sq.yds. 198	106	} ..	285
	..	497		
Carpet underfelt of needlefelt	2,129	417	Th.sq.yds. 3,563	585
Other products	..	2,282	..	3,214
Work done on backing carpets with rubber or plastic underlay	..	3	..	69
Services rendered to other organisations (b)	..	53	..	310
Total value of goods sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process (merchanted or factored)	..	1,410	..	14,338
Canteen takings		231		283
Total		6,810		21,830

(a) Including sisal mats, matting and rugs for 1963 but excluding woven plastic matting.

(b) Amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport or for technical or other services rendered to other organisations.

TABLE 8 Production of certain principal products of the industry by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 9 Purchases by larger establishments of selected principal products of the industry, 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 10 Purchases by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968
Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost £'000	Quantity	Cost £'000
Materials for use in production				
Wool: virgin (including wool obtained from skins)				
In greasy state when purchased	..	4,580	..	5,482
Scoured, carbonised or slipped when purchased	..	2,761	..	2,596
Woolen yarn, including mixtures if known as woollen	..	24,609	..	26,370
Worsted yarn, including mixtures if known as worsted	..	2,083	..	1,436
Mohair, alpaca, vicuna, llama and camels' hair yarn	..	207	..	85
	Th.lb.		Th.lb.	
Cotton yarn (including cotton waste yarn)	15,044	2,720	23,000	4,635
	..	303	..	..
Jute yarn	..	6,184	..	8,885
Paper yarn	..	266	..	65
Man-made fibres (nylon, rayon, etc) continuous filament yarn				
Synthetic (nylon, etc) yarn	816	345	17,871	6,817
Other (rayon, etc) yarn	1,052	152	..	854
	..	102	10,254	2,081
Man-made fibres (nylon, rayon, etc) spun yarn (including waste yarn) and spun yarn doubled with continuous filament yarn (a)				
Synthetic (nylon, etc) yarn	14,250	3,649	25,203	7,587
Other (rayon, etc) yarn	31,894	6,036	..	1,649
	..	1,352	63,280	13,681
	Th.sq.yds.		Th.sq.yds.	
Woven piece goods (other than narrow fabrics) wholly or mainly of jute (including hessian)	33,697	3,040	91,027	9,536
	..	388	..	..
Interlining materials including rubberised 'non-slip' felt	..	359	..	932
Dyestuffs	..	1,364	..	3,131
Rubber				
			Th.tons	
Natural including reclaimed, compounded and latex			15.8	1,143
			..	313
Synthetic including latex	..	2,017	23.3	2,143
			..	644
Manufactures wholly or mainly of rubber including underlay			..	542
Polyvinyl chloride (including copolymers) solutions, emulsions and dispersions, including P.V.C. - based proprietary compounds for backing tufted carpets, etc	Th.cwt.		Th.cwt.	
	57.3	342	20.8	168
	..	63	..	47
Glues and adhesives (including formulated adhesives, but excluding unformulated synthetic resins bought as such) (b)	..	151	..	216
Starch	..	196	..	232

TABLE 10 (continued)

	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost £'000	Quantity	Cost £'000
Materials for use in production (continued)	Th.gal.		Th.gal.	
	57.9	15	62.5	21
Lubricating oils and greases	Th.cwt.		Th.cwt.	
	0.9	6	0.3	3
	..	4	..	23
Replacement parts for firms' own machinery, plant and vehicles, and accessories and consumable tools bought as replacement				
Tyres and other spare parts for firms' own road goods vehicles	..	1,016	..	88
Other	..	..	..	1,704
All other materials for use in production	..	4,742	..	6,915
Packaging materials				
Jute and hessian piece goods, sacks and bags	..	198	..	515
All other packaging materials	..	358	..	761
Fuel and electricity (c)				
	Th.tons		Th.tons	
Coal	155	788	..	..
			82.8	493
			..	53
Coke (including screenings) and manufactured fuel	1.0	8	..	..
	Th.gal.		Th.gal.	
Derv fuel and motor spirit for use in road vehicles	483	97	884	225
	..	13	..	34
Other liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures, etc and liquefied petroleum gases)	9,606	394	17,365	736
			..	83
	Th.therms		Th.therms	
Gas	397	27	1,107	81
	Th.kWh.		Th.kWh.	
Electricity	89,316	595	141,135	942
	..	(d)	..	169
All other fuels	..	(d)	..	196
Total cost of materials and fuel		71,531		114,313
Goods purchased for merchanting		1,240		11,710
Canteen purchases		239		289
Total cost of purchases		73,009		126,312

(a) Waste yarn was not specifically included for 1963.

(b) For 1963 described as 'Glues and adhesives (including compound synthetic resin adhesives, but excluding synthetic resins bought as such)'.

(c) The total quantity of electricity generated in establishments employing 25 or more persons in this industry was 6,401 Th.kWh. in 1968 and 8,632 Th.kWh. in 1963.

(d) Not recorded separately for 1963.

TABLE 11 Transport costs and employment of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	Unit	1963	1968
Average number mainly employed on transport	No.	311	517
Transport costs	£'000		
Wages and salaries	"	252	586
Derv fuel and motor spirit	"	110	259
Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles	"	..	88
Payments to other organisations for transport	{ by road by rail and other means excluding postal services	{ 1,566	{ 2,509
Costs of operating road goods vehicles			484
Insurance	"	14	33
Vehicle licences	"	16	60
Depreciation	"	86	282
Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance	"	48	125
Total	"	2,093 (a)	4,425

(a) Excluding tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles, not collected separately for 1963

TABLE 12 Payments for certain services, etc by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968 (a)

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	Amounts payable	
	1963	1968
Repairs and maintenance to	£'000	£'000
Buildings	229	432
Road goods vehicles	48	125
Plant, machinery and other capital equipment	435	1,049
Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods vehicles (b)	116	374
Rates, excluding water rates	514	949
Hire of plant and machinery	51	487
Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (c)	354	605
Total	1,746	4,021

(a) No deduction is made for these payments to arrive at the figures of net output given in this report.

(b) For details see Table 11.

(c) Excluding Telex for 1963.

TABLE 13 Percentage analysis of twelve-month periods covered by returns from larger establishments, 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

Year ended	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed
1968	Per cent.	Per cent.
April (a)	0.0	0.0
May	1.0	1.2
June	16.7	19.9
July	0.0	0.0
August	3.1	1.2
September	4.2	1.8
October	3.1	2.4
November	8.3	25.9
December	26.0	15.3
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January	4.2	1.4
February	1.0	0.7
March	30.2	27.0
April (b)	2.1	3.3
	100	100

(a) From 6 April.

(b) To 5 April.