



# Housing Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 68

### PART XV **E+W**

#### GRANTS FOR WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND CONVERSION

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** Pt. XV (ss. 460–526) modified by [S.I. 1986/148](#), [art. 10\(4\)\(b\)](#)

**460—** ..... <sup>F1</sup> **E+W**  
**520.**

##### Textual Amendments

**F1** Ss. 460–520 repealed (1.7.1990) and superseded by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989](#) (c. 42, SIF 61), ss. 101(5), 194(4), [Sch. 12 Pt. II](#) (subject to a saving in [S.I. 1990/1274](#), art. 3, [Sch. para. 2](#) in relation to certain applications approved before 1.7.1990) and subject to amendment made by [S.I. 1994/2825](#), [reg. 54](#)

**521,** ..... <sup>F2</sup> **E+W**  
**522.**

##### Textual Amendments

**F2** Ss. 521, 522 repealed and superseded by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989](#) (c. 42, SIF 61), s. 194(4), [Sch. 12 Pt. II](#)

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### *Miscellaneous*

#### **523 Assistance for provision of separate service pipe for water supply. E+W**

- (1) The local housing authority may, if they think fit, give assistance in respect of the provision of a separate service pipe for a house which has a piped supply of water from a water main but no separate service pipe.
- (2) The assistance shall be by way of a grant in respect of all or part of the expenses incurred in the provision of the separate service pipe.
- (3) The reference in subsection (2) to the expenses incurred in the provision of the separate service pipe includes, in a case where all or part of the works are carried out by . . . <sup>F3</sup> water undertakers (whether in exercise of default powers or otherwise), sums payable to the undertakers by the owner of the house, or any other person, for carrying out the works.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F3** Word repealed (with saving) by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15, SIF 130\)](#), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2) (4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190(2)(3), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58, **Sch. 27 Pt. I**

#### **[<sup>F4</sup>524 Contributions under superseded enactments. E+W**

Schedule 19 has effect with respect to contributions payable under superseded enactments.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F4** Ss. 524, 525 repealed and superseded (*prosp.*) by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\)](#), ss. 194(4), 195(2), **Sch. 12 Pt. II**

### *[<sup>F5</sup> General supplementary provisions*

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F5** Ss. 524, 525 repealed and superseded (*prosp.*) by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\)](#), ss. 194(4), 195(2), **Sch. 12 Pt. II**

#### **525 Minor definitions. E+W**

In this Part—

“ agricultural population ” means—

- (a) persons whose employment or latest employment is or was employment in agriculture or in an industry mainly dependent on agriculture, and
- (b) the dependents of those persons;

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and for this purpose “agriculture” includes dairy-farming and poultry-farming and the use of land as grazing, meadow or pasture land, or orchard or osier land or woodland, or for market gardens or nursery grounds;

“charity trustees” has the same meaning as in the [<sup>F6</sup>the Charities Act 2011];

“dwelling” means a building or part of a building occupied or intended to be occupied as a separate dwelling, together with any yard, garden, outhouses and appurtenances belonging to it or usually enjoyed with it;

“house in multiple occupation” means a house which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household, exclusive of any part of the house which is occupied as a separate dwelling by persons who form a single household;

“improvement” includes alteration and enlargement;

“owner”, in relation to a dwelling, means the person who—

- (a) is for the time being entitled to receive from a lessee of the dwelling (or would be so entitled if the dwelling were let) a rent of not less than two-thirds of the net annual value of the dwelling; and
- (b) is not himself liable as lessee of the dwelling, or of property which includes the dwelling, to pay such a rent to a superior landlord.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F6** Words in s. 525 substituted (14.3.2012) by [Charities Act 2011 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 355, [Sch. 7 para. 44](#) (with s. 20(2), [Sch. 8](#))

#### [<sup>F7</sup>526 Index of defined expressions: Part XV **E+W**

The following Table shows provisions defining or otherwise explaining expressions used in this part (other than provisions defining or explaining an expression in the same section):—

agricultural population	section 525
applicant	section 515(1)
appropriate percentage	section 509
certificate of availability for letting	section 464(5)
certificate of owner-occupation	section 464(3), (4)
certified date	section 499(3)
charity	section 622
charity trustees	section 525
[ <sup>F8</sup> common parts (for the purposes of common parts grant)]	[ <sup>F8</sup> section 498A(2)(b)]
[ <sup>F8</sup> common parts grant]	[ <sup>F8</sup> section 460 and 498A]
co-operative housing association	section 5(2)
district (of a local housing authority)	section 2(1)
dwelling	section 525

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dwelling for a disabled occupant	section 518
eligible expense	sections 472, 481, 489 and [ <sup>F9</sup> ,497 and 498F]
fit for human habitation	section 604
[ <sup>F10</sup> flat (for the purposes of common parts grant)]	[ <sup>F10</sup> section 498A(2)(a)]
general improvement area	section 253
grant (without more)	section 460(1)
house in multiple occupation	section 525
housing action area	section 239
housing association	section 5(1)
housing authority	section 4(a)
improvement	section 518(3) and 525
improvement grant	sections 460 and 467
initial period	section 499(2)
intermediate grant	sections 460 and 474
lessee and let	section 621
local housing authority	section 1, 2(2)
[ <sup>F11</sup> long tenancy]	[ <sup>F11</sup> section 115]
member of family	section 520
owner	section 525
protected occupancy	section 622
protected tenancy	section 622
reasonable repair	section 519
registered and unregistered (in relation to a housing association)	section 5(4)
relevant works	section 461(2)
repairs grant	sections 460 and 491
restricted contract	section 622
secure tenancy	section 79
special grant	section 460 and 483
standard amenity	section 508(1)
statutory tenancy	section 622
tenancy and tenant	section 621]

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- F7** S. 526 repealed and superseded (*prosp.*) by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c.42, SIF 61\)](#), ss. 101(5), 194(4), 195(2), **Sch. 12 Pt. II**
- F8** Entries inserted by [Housing and Planning Act 1986 \(c. 63, SIF 61\)](#), s. 15, **Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 14(2)**
- F9** Words substituted by [Housing and Planning Act 1986 \(c. 63, SIF 61\)](#), s. 15, **Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 14(3)**
- F10** Entry inserted by [Housing and Planning Act 1986 \(c. 63, SIF 61\)](#), s. 15, **Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 14(2)**
- F11** Entry inserted by [Housing Act 1988 \(c. 50, SIF 61\)](#), s. **131(6)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- s. 81A-81D and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 4](#) (This provision is amended by 2021 c. 7, ss. 79(3), 90(6); S.I 2021/1038, reg. 3(c))
- s. 81B(1)(b) words inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 81B(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 81B(2C) words substituted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 81B(2C) words substituted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 81B(2D) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 82(A1)(A2) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 119\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 82A(4A)(4B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 86(1A)(1B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 86(1C) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 2](#)
- s. 86A-86F and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 11](#)
- s. 86G s. 86A renumbered as s. 86G by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 86G(8) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 88(1)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 4](#)
- s. 89(2A)-(2D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 97(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 99A(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 115(3)-(7) inserted by [2024 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 4\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 305(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 68\(b\)](#)
- s. 306(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 69\(b\)](#)
- s. 353A inserted by [1996 c. 52 s. 73\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 73 repealed (6.4.2006 for E., 16.6.2006 for W.) by 2004 c. 34, Sch. 16; S.I. 2006/1060, art. 2(1)(e), Sch.; S.I. 2006/1535, art. 2(c), Sch.)
- s. 582(6)(aa)-(ac) substituted for s. 582(6)(a) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(3)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(6A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(d\)](#)