



# Housing Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 50

### PART I

#### RENTED ACCOMMODATION

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#### ASSURED TENANCIES

#### *Security of tenure*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>10A Power to order transfer of tenancy in certain cases**

- (1) This section applies on an application for an order for possession of a dwelling-house let on an assured tenancy if the court is satisfied that—
  - (a) Ground 7B in Schedule 2 is established,
  - (b) no other ground in that Schedule is established, or one or more grounds in Part 2 of that Schedule are established but it is not reasonable to make an order for possession on that ground or those grounds,
  - (c) the tenancy is a joint tenancy, and
  - (d) one or more of the tenants is a qualifying tenant.
- (2) In subsection (1)(d) “qualifying tenant” means a person who (within the meaning of Ground 7B) is not disqualified as a result of the person's immigration status from occupying the dwelling-house under the tenancy.
- (3) The court may, instead of making an order for possession, order that the tenant's interest under the tenancy is to be transferred so that it is held—
  - (a) if there is one qualifying tenant, by the qualifying tenant as sole tenant, or
  - (b) if there is more than one qualifying tenant, by all of them as joint tenants.
- (4) The effect of an order under this section is that, from the time the order takes effect, the qualifying tenant or tenants—

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- (a) are entitled to performance of the landlord's covenants under the tenancy, and
  - (b) are liable to perform the tenant's covenants under the tenancy.
- (5) The effect of an order under this section is that, from the time it takes effect, any other person who was a tenant under the tenancy before the order took effect—
- (a) ceases to be entitled to performance of the landlord's covenants under the tenancy, or
  - (b) ceases to be liable to perform the tenant's covenants under the tenancy.
- (6) Subsection (5) does not remove any right or liability of the person which accrued before the order took effect.
- (7) An order under this section does not operate to create a new tenancy as between the landlord and the qualifying tenant or tenants.
- (8) In particular, if the tenancy is a fixed term tenancy, the term comes to an end at the same time as if the order had not been made.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 10A inserted (1.12.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), ss. 41(5), 94(1) (with s. 41(7)); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(e)

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

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