



Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 33

PART VI

SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS

Exclusions

122 Support for children.

- (1) In this section “eligible person” means a person who appears to the Secretary of State to be a person for whom support may be provided under section 95.
- (2) Subsections (3) and (4) apply if an application for support under section 95 has been made by an eligible person whose household includes a dependant under the age of 18 (“the child”).
- (3) If it appears to the Secretary of State that adequate accommodation is not being provided for the child, he must exercise his powers under section 95 by offering, and if his offer is accepted by providing or arranging for the provision of, adequate accommodation for the child as part of the eligible person’s household.
- (4) If it appears to the Secretary of State that essential living needs of the child are not being met, he must exercise his powers under section 95 by offering, and if his offer is accepted by providing or arranging for the provision of, essential living needs for the child as part of the eligible person’s household.
- (5) No local authority may provide assistance under any of the child welfare provisions in respect of a dependant under the age of 18, or any member of his family, at any time when—
 - (a) the Secretary of State is complying with this section in relation to him; or
 - (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing that—
 - (i) the person concerned is a person for whom support may be provided under section 95; and

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- (ii) the Secretary of State would be required to comply with this section if that person had made an application under section 95.
- (6) “Assistance” means the provision of accommodation or of any essential living needs.
- (7) “The child welfare provisions” means—
- (a) section 17 of the ^{M1}Children Act 1989 (local authority support for children and their families);
 - (b) section 22 of the ^{M2}Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (equivalent provision for Scotland); and
 - (c) Article 18 of the ^{M3}Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (equivalent provision for Northern Ireland).
- (8) Subsection (9) applies if accommodation provided in the discharge of the duty imposed by subsection (3) has been withdrawn.
- (9) Only the relevant authority may provide assistance under any of the child welfare provisions in respect of the child concerned.
- (10) “Relevant authority” means—
- (a) in relation to Northern Ireland, the authority within whose area the withdrawn accommodation was provided;
 - (b) in any other case, the local authority within whose area the withdrawn accommodation was provided.
- (11) In such circumstances as may be prescribed, subsection (5) does not apply.

Commencement Information

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- M1** 1989 c. 41.
M2 1995 c. 36.
M3 [S.I. 1995/775 \(N.I. 2\)](#).

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