



# Housing Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 68

### PART XVI

#### ASSISTANCE FOR OWNERS OF DEFECTIVE HOUSING

##### *Eligibility for assistance*

#### **530 Meaning of “relevant interest”.**

- (1) In this Part “relevant interest”, in relation to a dwelling, means the freehold or a long tenancy, not being in either case subject to a long tenancy.
- (2) A tenancy is a long tenancy for this purpose, subject to subsection (3), if it is—
  - (a) a tenancy granted for a term certain exceeding 21 years, whether or not it is (or may become) terminable before the end of that term by notice given by or to the tenant or by re-entry, forfeiture or otherwise,
  - (b) a tenancy granted in pursuance of Part V (the right to buy), or
  - (c) a tenancy for a term fixed by law under a grant with a covenant or obligation for perpetual renewal, unless it is a tenancy by sub-demise from one which is not a long tenancy.
- (3) A tenancy is not a long tenancy for this purpose if it is—
  - (a) an interest created by way of security and liable to termination by the exercise of a right of redemption or otherwise, or
  - (b) a secure tenancy.
- (4) References in this part to an interest in a dwelling are to an interest in land which is or includes the dwelling.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 05/12/2005.

**Changes to legislation:**

Housing Act 1985, Section 530 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.