



Housing Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 52

PART VI

ALLOCATION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

[^{F1} Applications for housing accommodation

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 166 and cross-heading substituted (27.1.2003 for W. and 31.1.2003 for E.) for s. 166 by 2002 c. 7, s. 15 (with s. 20(4)); S.I. 2002/1736, art. 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**; S.I. 2002/3114, **art. 3**

166 Applications for housing accommodation

- (1) A local housing authority shall secure that—
- advice and information is available free of charge to persons in their district about the right to make an application for an allocation of housing accommodation; and
 - any necessary assistance in making such an application is available free of charge to persons in their district who are likely to have difficulty in doing so without assistance.

[A local housing authority in England shall secure that an applicant for an allocation ^{F2}(1A) of housing accommodation is informed that he has the rights mentioned in section 166A(9).”, and]

- (2) A local housing authority [^{F3}in Wales] shall secure that an applicant for an allocation of housing accommodation is informed that he has the rights mentioned in section 167(4A).
- (3) Every application made to a local housing authority for an allocation of housing accommodation shall (if made in accordance with the procedural requirements of the authority’s allocation scheme) be considered by the authority.

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- (4) The fact that a person is an applicant for an allocation of housing accommodation shall not be divulged (without his consent) to any other member of the public.
- (5) In this Part “district” in relation to a local housing authority has the same meaning as in the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68).]

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- F2** S. 166(1A) inserted (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 147\(2\)\(a\)](#), 240(2); [S.I. 2012/57](#), [art. 4\(1\)\(k\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7, 9-11); [S.I. 2012/1463](#), [art. 3](#)
- F3** Words in s. 166(2) inserted (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 147\(2\)\(b\)](#), 240(2); [S.I. 2012/57](#), [art. 4\(1\)\(k\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7, 9-11); [S.I. 2012/1463](#), [art. 3](#)

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