



Housing Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 52

PART VI

ALLOCATION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

Supplementary

169 Guidance to authorities by the Secretary of State.

- (1) In the exercise of their functions under this Part, local housing authorities shall have regard to such guidance as may from time to time be given by the Secretary of State.
- (2) The Secretary of State may give guidance generally or to specified descriptions of authorities.

170 Co-operation between [^{F1}certain] social landlords and local housing authorities.

Where a local housing authority so request, a [^{F2}private registered provider of social housing or] registered social landlord shall co-operate to such extent as is reasonable in the circumstances in offering accommodation to [^{F3}people with priority under the authority's allocation scheme].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 170 heading substituted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 102(b)** (with art. 6, Sch. 3)
- F2** Words in s. 170 inserted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 102(a)** (with art. 6, Sch. 3)
- F3** Words in s. 170 substituted (27.1.2003 for W. and 31.1.2003 for E.) by [2002 c. 7, s. 18\(1\)](#), **Sch. 1 para. 5** (with s. 20(4)); [S.I. 2002/1736](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**; [S.I. 2002/3114](#), art. 3

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171 False statements and withholding information.

- (1) A person commits an offence if, in connection with the exercise by a local housing authority of their functions under this Part—
 - (a) he knowingly or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, or
 - (b) he knowingly withholds information which the authority have reasonably required him to give in connection with the exercise of those functions.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

172 Regulations.

- (1) Regulations under this Part shall be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) No regulations shall be made under section [F4166A(7) or] 167(3) (regulations amending provisions about priorities in allocating housing accommodation) unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (3) Any other regulations under this Part shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) Regulations under this Part may contain such incidental, supplementary and transitional provisions as appear to the Secretary of State appropriate, and may make different provision for different cases including different provision for different areas.

Textual Amendments

F4 Words in s. 172(2) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 147(6)**, 240(2); [S.I. 2012/57](#), [art. 4\(1\)\(l\)](#) (with [arts. 6, 7, 9-11](#))

173 Consequential amendments: Part VI.

The enactments mentioned in Schedule 16 have effect with the amendments specified there which are consequential on the provisions of this Part.

174 Index of defined expressions: Part VI.

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

allocation (of housing)	section 159(2)
allocation scheme	[F5166A and] section 167
assured tenancy	section 230
[F6district (of local housing authority)	section 166(5)]
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introductory tenancy and introductory tenant	sections 230 and 124
local housing authority	section 230
F7	F7
...	...
registered social landlord	sections 230 and 2
secure tenancy and secure tenant	section 230

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words in s. 174 inserted (18.6.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 147\(7\)](#), 240(2); S.I. 2012/1463, [art. 3](#)
- F6** S. 174: entry inserted (27.1.2003 for W. and 31.1.2003 for E.) by [2002 c. 7](#), s. 18(1), [Sch. 1 para. 6](#) (with [s. 20\(4\)](#)); S.I. 2002/1736, [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2002/3114, [art. 3](#)
- F7** S. 174: entries repealed (27.1.2003 for W. and 31.1.2003 for E.) by [2002 c. 7](#), s. 20(1), [Sch. 2](#) (with [s. 20\(4\)](#)); S.I. 2002/1736, [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2002/3114, [art. 3](#)

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