



# Housing Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 52

### PART VII

#### HOMELESSNESS

##### *Homelessness and threatened homelessness*

VALID FROM 20/01/1997

#### **175 Homelessness and threatened homelessness.**

- (1) A person is homeless if he has no accommodation available for his occupation, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, which he—
  - (a) is entitled to occupy by virtue of an interest in it or by virtue of an order of a court,
  - (b) has an express or implied licence to occupy, or
  - (c) occupies as a residence by virtue of any enactment or rule of law giving him the right to remain in occupation or restricting the right of another person to recover possession.
- (2) A person is also homeless if he has accommodation but—
  - (a) he cannot secure entry to it, or
  - (b) it consists of a moveable structure, vehicle or vessel designed or adapted for human habitation and there is no place where he is entitled or permitted both to place it and to reside in it.
- (3) A person shall not be treated as having accommodation unless it is accommodation which it would be reasonable for him to continue to occupy.
- (4) A person is threatened with homelessness if it is likely that he will become homeless within 28 days.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/10/1996. This version of this provision is not valid for this point in time.

**Changes to legislation:**

Housing Act 1996, Section 175 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 05 June 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.