



# Housing Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 52

### PART VII

#### HOMELESSNESS<sup>[F1]</sup>: ENGLAND]

##### *Duties to persons found to be homeless or threatened with homelessness*

#### **190 Duties to persons becoming homeless intentionally.**

<sup>[F1]</sup>(1) This section applies where—

- (a) the local housing authority are satisfied that an applicant—
  - (i) is homeless and eligible for assistance, but
  - (ii) became homeless intentionally,
- (b) the authority are also satisfied that the applicant has a priority need, and
- (c) the authority's duty to the applicant under section 189B(2) has come to an end.]

(2) <sup>[F2]</sup>The authority must—]

- (a) secure that accommodation is available for his occupation for such period as they consider will give him a reasonable opportunity of securing accommodation for his occupation, and
- (b) provide him with <sup>[F3]</sup>(or secure that he is provided with) advice and assistance] in any attempts he may make to secure that accommodation becomes available for his occupation.

<sup>F4</sup>(3) .....

<sup>[F5]</sup>(4) In deciding what advice and assistance is to be provided under this section, the authority must have regard to their assessment of the applicant's case under section 189A.]

<sup>F6</sup>(5) The advice and assistance provided under subsection (2)(b) <sup>F7</sup>... must include information about the likely availability in the authority's district of types of

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accommodation appropriate to the applicant's housing needs (including, in particular, the location and sources of such types of accommodation).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 190(1) substituted (3.4.2018) by [Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 5(5)(a)**, 13(3); S.I. 2018/167, [reg. 3\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 4\(1\)](#))
- F2** Words in s. 190(2) substituted (3.4.2018) by [Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 5(5)(b)**, 13(3); S.I. 2018/167, [reg. 3\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 4\(1\)](#))
- F3** Words in s. 190(2)(b)(3) substituted (31.7.2002 for E. and 30.9.2002 for W.) by 2002 c. 7, s. 18(1), **Sch. 1 para. 9** (with s. 20(4)); S.I. 2002/1799, **art. 2**; S.I. 2002/1736, art. 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**
- F4** S. 190(3) omitted (3.4.2018) by virtue of [Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 5(5)(c)**, 13(3); S.I. 2018/167, [reg. 3\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 4\(1\)](#))
- F5** S. 190(4) substituted (3.4.2018) by [Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 3(2)**, 13(3); S.I. 2018/167, [reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- F6** S. 190(4)(5) inserted (31.7.2002 for E. and 30.9.2002 for W.) by 2002 c. 7, s. 18(1), **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with s. 20(4)); S.I. 2002/1799, **art. 2**; S.I. 2002/1736, art. 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**
- F7** Words in s. 190(5) omitted (3.4.2018) by virtue of [Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 5(5)(d)**, 13(3); S.I. 2018/167, [reg. 3\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 4\(1\)](#))

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 183-218 modified (3.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/797, **art. 2(1)**

**Changes to legislation:**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 124(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 124(6) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(6\)](#)
- s. 124A124B inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 21](#)
- s. 125A(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 130A inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 7](#)
- s. 133(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(3A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 13\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(7)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2022/1166 reg. 25\(11\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment comes into force immediately after 2016 c. 22, s. 120 and Sch. 8 para. 13(3) come into force)
- s. 143GA143GB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10](#)
- s. 143MA(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 27\(3\)](#)
- s. 143MB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 28](#)