



Housing Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 34

PART 2

LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Grant or refusal of licences

65 Tests as to suitability for multiple occupation

- (1) The local housing authority cannot be satisfied for the purposes of section 64(3)(a) that the house is reasonably suitable for occupation by a particular maximum number of households or persons if they consider that it fails to meet prescribed standards for occupation by that number of households or persons.
- (2) But the authority may decide that the house is not reasonably suitable for occupation by a particular maximum number of households or persons even if it does meet prescribed standards for occupation by that number of households or persons.
- (3) In this section “prescribed standards” means standards prescribed by regulations made by the appropriate national authority.
- (4) The standards that may be so prescribed include—
 - (a) standards as to the number, type and quality of—
 - (i) bathrooms, toilets, washbasins and showers,
 - (ii) areas for food storage, preparation and cooking, and
 - (iii) laundry facilities,which should be available in particular circumstances; and
 - (b) standards as to the number, type and quality of other facilities or equipment which should be available in particular circumstances.

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