



Housing Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 34

PART 3

SELECTIVE LICENSING OF OTHER RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Introductory

79 Licensing of houses to which this Part applies

- (1) This Part provides for houses to be licensed by local housing authorities where—
 - (a) they are houses to which this Part applies (see subsection (2)), and
 - (b) they are required to be licensed under this Part (see section 85(1)).
- (2) This Part applies to a house if—
 - (a) it is in an area that is for the time being designated under section 80 as subject to selective licensing, and
 - (b) the whole of it is occupied either—
 - (i) under a single tenancy or licence that is not an exempt tenancy or licence under subsection (3) or (4), or
 - (ii) under two or more tenancies or licences in respect of different dwellings contained in it, none of which is an exempt tenancy or licence under subsection (3) or (4).
- (3) A tenancy or licence is an exempt tenancy or licence if it is granted by a body which is registered as a social landlord under Part 1 of the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52).
- (4) In addition, the appropriate national authority may by order provide for a tenancy or licence to be an exempt tenancy or licence—
 - (a) if it falls within any description of tenancy or licence specified in the order; or
 - (b) in any other circumstances so specified.
- (5) Every local housing authority have the following general duties—

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- (a) to make such arrangements as are necessary to secure the effective implementation in their district of the licensing regime provided for by this Part; and
- (b) to ensure that all applications for licences and other issues falling to be determined by them under this Part are determined within a reasonable time.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 79 wholly in force at 25.11.2005; s. 79 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 270(2) (b); s. 79 in force for E. at 15.6.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1451](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#); s. 79 in force for W. at 25.11.2005 by [S.I. 2005/3237](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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