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PROSPECTIVE

# S C H E D U L E S

#### SCHEDULE 3

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR ENFRANCHISEMENT AND EXTENSION: SPECIFIC CASES

Exception to enfranchisement for certified community housing providers

- 5 (1) The LRHUDA 1993 is amended as follows.
  - (2) In section 5 (qualifying tenants for enfranchisement), after subsection (2)(a) insert—
    - "(aa) the immediate landlord under the lease is a certified community housing provider (see section 8B); or".
  - (3) Before section 9 insert—

#### "8B Meaning of "certified community housing provider"

- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter, a person is a "certified community housing provider" if the appropriate tribunal has issued a community housing certificate in respect of the person.
- (2) A community housing certificate is a certificate that the tribunal has determined that the person—
  - (a) is a community land trust within the meaning of section 2(7A) of the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Act 2022, or
  - (b) is of a description, or satisfies conditions, specified for this purpose in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The tribunal may issue a community housing certificate only in respect of a person that has made an application to the tribunal for the certificate.
- (4) The tribunal may cancel a community housing certificate—
  - (a) on the application of the person in respect of which the certificate is issued, or
  - (b) on the application of a leaseholder affected by the certificate, if the tribunal considers that—
    - (i) the person in respect of which the certificate is issued does not fall within subsection (2)(a) or (b), or
    - (ii) the certificate was obtained by deception or fraud.

For this purpose a leaseholder is "affected by" a certificate if, by virtue of section 5(2)(aa), the leaseholder is not a qualifying tenant because the certificate is issued in respect of their immediate landlord.

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- (5) The effect of the tribunal cancelling the certificate is that the person is not a certified community housing provider unless the tribunal issues a new community housing certificate.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for—
  - (a) the procedure to be followed in connection with an application for a community housing certificate;
  - (b) the procedure to be followed for the cancellation of a community housing certificate (including in connection with an application for the cancellation);
  - (c) any matters to which the tribunal must have regard in deciding whether to issue or cancel a community housing certificate.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the application of this Chapter in circumstances where—
  - (a) a landlord's application for a community housing certificate has not been concluded when a nominee purchaser gives notice under section 13 of a claim to exercise the right to collective enfranchisement, or
  - (b) a claim to exercise the right to collective enfranchisement has not been concluded when a landlord's application for a community housing certificate is made.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (7) may in particular provide for—
  - (a) the claim for the freehold to be paused or to have no effect;
  - (b) a time period for the purposes of this Chapter to be extended in connection with the application;
  - (c) the landlord to compensate the nominee purchaser, a tenant or a reversioner in respect of reasonable costs incurred in connection with a claim to exercise the right to collective enfranchisement—
    - (i) if a person ceases to be a participating tenant because of the issue of a certificate under this section (and in this case the compensation may relate to reasonable costs for which the person is liable that are incurred after the person ceases to be a participating tenant),
    - (ii) if the participating tenants cease to have the right to collective enfranchisement because of the issue of a certificate under this section, or
    - (iii) if the costs are incurred as a result of the claim being suspended because of an application for a certificate under this section;
  - (d) enforcement by the appropriate tribunal of any of the requirements of the regulations;
  - (e) the appropriate tribunal to make orders that are supplementary to the issue of a community housing certificate."
- (4) In section 39(3)(a) (qualifying tenants for extension), before "(5)" insert "(2)(aa), ".
- (5) In section 100 (orders and regulations), after subsection (2) insert-
  - "(2A) But a statutory instrument containing regulations under section 8B (whether alone or with other provision) may not be made unless a draft of the

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instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament."

## **Commencement Information**

I1 Sch. 3 para. 5 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 124(3)

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