#### WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 2022 No. 244

# The Renting Homes (Prescribed Forms) (Wales) Regulations 2022

#### Title and commencement

1. The title of these Regulations is the Renting Homes (Prescribed Forms) (Wales) Regulations 2022 and they come into force on [F11 December 2022 (the day on which section 239 of the Act comes into force)] .(1)

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in reg. 1 substituted (13.8.2022) by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), arts. 1(2), 9

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 1 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Interpretation

- 2. In these Regulations—
  - "the Act" ("y Ddeddf") means the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016;
  - "introductory standard contract" ("contract safonol rhagarweiniol") has the meaning given by section 16(4) of the Act;
  - "prohibited conduct standard contract" ("contract safonol ymddygiad gwaharddedig") has the meaning given by section 116(6) of the Act;
  - "standard contract" ("contract safonol") has the meaning given by section 8 of the Act.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 2 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Prescribed form

**3.**—(1) The prescribed form of a notice or other document required or authorised to be given or made by or because of this Act is as set out in the following regulations and Schedule.

<sup>(1)</sup> Section 239 of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 comes into force on a day appointed by the Welsh Ministers in an order made by statutory instrument.

(2) A notice or other document in a form substantially to the same effect as the prescribed form is valid.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 3 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of standard contract

**4.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 13 of the Act is as set out in Form RHW1 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 4 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of landlord's address

5. The prescribed form of a notice under section 39(1) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW2 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 5 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of change in landlord's identity and notice of new landlord's address

**6.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 39(2) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW3 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 6 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of change in landlord's address

7. The prescribed form of a notice under section 39(3) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW4 in the Schedule.

I7 Reg. 7 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of conditions imposed by head landlord when consenting to a sub-occupation contract

**8.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 61(2) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW5 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 8 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of head landlord's decision to treat sub-occupation contract as a periodic standard contract

**9.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 61(7) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW6 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 9 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice to sub-holder of a possession claim against the contract-holder

**10.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 64(2) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW7 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I10 Reg. 10 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of extended possession claim against the sub-holder

11. The prescribed form of a notice under section 65(3)(b) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW8 in the Schedule.

II1 Reg. 11 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of potential exclusion of contract-holder after abandoning the head contract and the sub-occupation contract

**12.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 66(3) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW9 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I12 Reg. 12 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Form of transfer: transfer of an occupation contract by a contract-holder

**13.** The prescribed form of a transfer under section 69(1)(a) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW10 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 13 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Form of transfer: transfer of rights and obligations under an occupation contract by a joint contract-holder

**14.** The prescribed form of a transfer under section 69(1)(b) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW11 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I14 Reg. 14 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### **Notice of variation of rent**

**15.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 104(1) or 123(1) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW12 in the Schedule.

Reg. 15 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of transfer of rights and obligations under a fixed term standard contract by a joint contract-holder

**16.** The prescribed form of a notice under a contract term of the type mentioned in section 141(2) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW13 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 16 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of transfer of rights and obligations under a fixed term standard contract on the death of a joint contract-holder

17. The prescribed form of a notice under a contract term of the type mentioned in section 142(2) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW14 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I17 Reg. 17 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of temporary exclusion: supported standard contract

**18.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 145(4) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW15 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 18 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

## Landlord's notice of termination: periodic standard contract with six-month minimum notice period (other than introductory standard contract or prohibited conduct standard contract)

**19.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 173(1) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW16 in the Schedule, where—

- (a) the date specified in the notice may not be less than six months after the day on which the notice is given to the contract-holder as a result of section 174(1) of the Act(2), and
- (b) the notice relates to a periodic standard contract other than an introductory standard contract or a prohibited conduct standard contract.

Reg. 19 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

## Landlord's notice of termination: periodic standard contract with two-month minimum notice period (other than introductory standard contract or prohibited conduct standard contract)

- **20.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 173(1) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW17 in the Schedule, where—
  - (a) the date specified in the notice may not be less than two months after the day on which the notice is given to the contract-holder as a result of—
    - (i) section 174A(1) of the Act(3), or
    - (ii) the application of paragraph 25A(2)(4) of Schedule 12 to section 174(1) of the Act, and
  - (b) the notice relates to a periodic standard contract other than an introductory standard contract or a prohibited conduct standard contract.

#### **Commencement Information**

I20 Reg. 20 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Landlord's notice of termination: introductory standard contract or prohibited conduct standard contract

**21.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 173(1) of the Act, in respect of an introductory standard contract or a prohibited conduct standard contract, is as set out in Form RHW18 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I21 Reg. 21 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

<sup>(2)</sup> Section 174(1) was amended by section 1(2)(a) of the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) 2021 Act (asc 3) ("the 2021 Act")

<sup>(3)</sup> Section 174A was inserted by section 1(3) of the 2021 Act.

<sup>(4)</sup> Paragraph 25A of Schedule 12 was inserted by section 18 of, and paragraph 27(5) of Schedule 6 to, the 2021 Act.

#### Notice of withdrawal of landlord's notice of termination: periodic standard contract

**22.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 180(3) of the Act(5) is as set out in Form RHW19 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I22 Reg. 22 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of possession claim on the ground of serious rent arrears: standard contract (other than introductory standard contract or prohibited conduct standard contract)

- 23. The prescribed form of a notice under—
  - (a) section 182(1) of the Act, in respect of a standard contract other than an introductory standard contract or a prohibited conduct standard contract, or
  - (b) section 188(1) of the Act,

is as set out in Form RHW20 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I23 Reg. 23 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of possession claim on the ground of serious rent arrears: introductory standard contract or prohibited conduct standard contract

**24.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 182(1) of the Act, in respect of an introductory standard contract or a prohibited conduct standard contract, is as set out in Form RHW21 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I24 Reg. 24 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Landlord's notice of termination: fixed term standard contract within Schedule 9B to the Act

**25.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 186(1) of the Act(6) is as set out in Form RHW22 in the Schedule.

<sup>(5)</sup> Section 180(3) was amended by section 8(2) of the 2021 Act.

<sup>(6)</sup> Section 186(1) was amended by section 10(1)(a) of the 2021 Act.

Reg. 25 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice before making a possession claim

**26.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 159(1), 161(1), 166(1), 171(1) or 192(1) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW23 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 26 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of termination under landlord's break clause: fixed term standard contract with sixmonth minimum notice period

- **27.** The prescribed form of a notice—
  - (a) under a contract term of the type mentioned in section 194(1)(7) of the Act (landlord's break clause), and
  - (b) where the date specified in the notice may not be less than six months after the day on which the notice is given to the contract-holder as a result of section 195(1) of the Act(8),

is as set out in Form RHW24 in the Schedule

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 27 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of termination under landlord's break clause: fixed term standard contract with twomonth minimum notice period

- 28. The prescribed form of a notice—
  - (a) under a contract term of the type mentioned in section 194(1) of the Act (landlord's break clause), and
  - (b) where the date specified in the notice may not be less than two months after the day on which the notice is given to the contract-holder as a result of—
    - (i) section 195A(1) of the Act(9), or
    - (ii) the application of paragraph 25D(2) of Schedule 12 to sections 194 and 195 of the Act(10),

<sup>(7)</sup> Section 194(1) was amended by section 11(1) of the 2021 Act.

<sup>(8)</sup> Section 195 was amended by section 2(2) of the 2021 Act.

<sup>(9)</sup> Section 195A was inserted by section 2(3) of the 2021 Act.

<sup>(10)</sup> Paragraph 25D of Schedule 12 was inserted by section 18 of, and paragraph 27(7) of Schedule 6 to, the 2021 Act.

is as set out in Form RHW25 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I28 Reg. 28 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of withdrawal of notice of termination under landlord's break clause: fixed term standard contract

**29.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 201(3) of the Act(11) is as set out in Form RHW26 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 29 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of landlord's intention to end occupation contract due to abandonment

**30.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 220(3) of the Act is as set out in RHW27 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I30 Reg. 30 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of end of occupation contract due to abandonment

**31.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 220(5) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW28 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

I31 Reg. 31 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of landlord's intention to end rights and obligations of a joint contract-holder due to non-occupation

**32.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 225(3) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW29 in the Schedule.

Reg. 32 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of end of rights and obligations of a joint contract-holder due to non-occupation

**33.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 225(6) of the Act is as set out in RHW30 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 33 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of joint contract-holder's intention to apply for an order ending rights and obligations of another joint contract-holder due to non-occupation

**34.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 227(3) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW31 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 34 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

### Notice of landlord's intention to apply for an order ending a joint contract-holder's rights and obligations due to prohibited conduct

**35.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 230(2) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW32 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 35 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

## Notice to other joint contract-holders of landlord's intention to apply for an order ending a joint contract-holder's rights and obligations due to prohibited conduct

**36.** The prescribed form of a notice under section 230(3) of the Act is as set out in Form RHW33 in the Schedule.

Reg. 36 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of extension of introductory period

**37.** The prescribed form of a notice under paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Act is as set out in Form RHW34 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 37 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of intention to apply for an order imposing a prohibited conduct standard contract

**38.** The prescribed form of a notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 7 to the Act is as set out in Form RHW35 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 38 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of end of probation period: prohibited conduct standard contract

**39.** The prescribed form of a notice under paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 7 to the Act is as set out in Form RHW36 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 39 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Notice of extension of probation period: prohibited conduct standard contract

**40.** The prescribed form of a notice under paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 7 to the Act is as set out in Form RHW37 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

40 Reg. 40 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

#### Landlord's notice of termination: fixed term standard contract (converted contract)

**41.** The prescribed form of a notice under paragraph 25B(2) of Schedule 12 to the Act(12) is as set out in Form RHW38 in the Schedule.

#### **Commencement Information**

Reg. 41 in force at 1.12.2022, see reg. 1 (as amended by The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential Amendments) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/906), art. 9), see Regulations

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Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Renting Homes (Prescribed Forms) (Wales) Regulations 2022.