



# Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

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### PART 2

#### TENANTS OF SOCIAL LANDLORDS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### SCOTTISH SECURE TENANCIES

#### *Assignment, subletting and exchanges*

### 33 Exchange of house

- (1) It is a term of every Scottish secure tenancy that the tenant may exchange the house which is the subject of the tenancy for another house which is the subject of a Scottish secure tenancy (whether or not of the same landlord) but only with the consent in writing of the landlord and (if different) the landlord of the other house.
- (2) A landlord whose consent is requested under subsection (1) may refuse such consent only if it has reasonable grounds for doing so.
- (3) There are, in particular, reasonable grounds for refusing such consent if—
  - (a) a notice under section 14(2) has been served on the tenant specifying a ground set out in any of paragraphs 1 to 7 of schedule 2,
  - (b) an order for recovery of possession of the house which is the subject of the current tenancy has been made against the tenant under section 16(2),
  - (c) that house was provided by the landlord in connection with the tenant's employment with it,
  - (d) that house has been designed or adapted for occupation by a person whose special needs require accommodation of the kind provided by the house and, if the exchange took place, there would no longer be a person with such special needs occupying the house,
  - (e) the accommodation in the other house—
    - (i) is substantially larger than that required by the tenant and the tenant's family, or

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- (ii) is not suitable to the needs of the tenant and the tenant's family, or
  - (f) the exchange would lead to overcrowding of the house in such circumstances as to render the occupier guilty of an offence under section 139 of the 1987 Act.
- (4) Where the landlord is a registered social landlord which is a co-operative housing association, any consent under subsection (1) is subject to the condition that the tenant of the other house is a member of the association when the exchange takes effect.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by order modify subsection (3).
- (6) On an exchange in accordance with this section, the existing tenancy is terminated and the tenant is taken to have been granted a Scottish secure tenancy of the other house by the landlord of that house; and this Part applies to that tenancy accordingly.
- (7) The provisions of Part 2 of schedule 5, so far as relating to this section, have effect as terms of every Scottish secure tenancy.