



Homelessness Reduction Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 13

Suitability of accommodation

12 Suitability of private rented sector accommodation

- (1) Article 3 of the Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) Order 2012 ([S.I. 2012/2601](#)) (circumstances in which accommodation is not to be regarded as suitable for a person) (“the 2012 Order”) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) The existing text becomes paragraph (1).
- (3) For “of a private rented sector offer under section 193(7F) of the Housing Act 1996” substitute “mentioned in paragraph (2)”.
- (4) After paragraph (1) insert—
 - “(2) The purposes are—
 - (a) determining, in accordance with section 193(7F) of the Housing Act 1996, whether a local housing authority may approve a private rented sector offer;
 - (b) determining, in accordance with section 193A(6) or [193C\(9\)](#) of that Act, whether a local housing authority may approve a final accommodation offer made by a private landlord;
 - (c) determining whether any accommodation—
 - (i) secured for a person who has a priority need by a local housing authority in discharge of their functions under section [189B\(2\)](#) or [195\(2\)](#) of that Act, and
 - (ii) made available for occupation under a tenancy with a private landlord,is suitable for the purposes of the section concerned.”
- (5) The amendments made by this section are without prejudice to any power to make an order or regulations amending or revoking article 3 of the 2012 Order.