



# Rent Act 1957

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An Act to amend the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts, 1920 to 1939, the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Act, 1954, and certain other enactments relating to the control of rents and the right to retain possession of houses; to provide a minimum length for notice to terminate residential lettings; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [6th June 1957]

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1 Act repealed (S.) by [Rent \(Scotland\) Act 1971 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 135(5), [Sch. 20](#)
- C2 Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#), s. 3

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1 [Ss. 1-15, 17-26, 27\(2\)-\(4\), Schs. 1-8](#) repealed by [Rent Act 1968 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 117(5), [Sch. 17](#)

*Miscellaneous and Supplemental*

**[<sup>F2</sup>16 Minimum length of notice to quit.**

(1) No notice by a landlord or a tenant to quit any premises let (whether before or after the commencement of this Act) as a dwelling shall be valid unless it [<sup>F3</sup>is in writing and contains such information as may be prescribed and] is given not less than four weeks before the date on which it is to take effect.

[ In this section “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary <sup>F4</sup>(2) of State by statutory instrument, and a statutory instrument containing any such regulations shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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(3) Regulations under this section may make different provision in relation to different descriptions of lettings and different circumstances.]]

**Textual Amendments**

- F2 S. 16 repealed (E.W.) by Protection from Eviction Act 1977 (c.43, SIF 75:1), s. 12, Sch. 3
- F3 Words inserted by Housing Act 1974 (c. 44), s. 123(1)
- F4 S. 16(2)(3) added by Housing Act 1974 (c. 44), s. 123(1)

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C3 S. 16 saved by Rent Act 1968 (c. 23), s. 12(4)

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**Textual Amendments**

- F5 Ss. 1-15, 17-26, 27(2)-(4), Schs. 1-8 repealed by Rent Act 1968 (c. 23), s. 117(5), Sch. 17

27 †Short title, commencement and extent.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Rent Act, 1957.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F6 Ss. 1-15, 17-26, 27(2)-(4), Schs. 1-8 repealed by Rent Act 1968 (c. 23), s. 117(5), Sch. 17

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C4 Unreliable marginal note

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<sup>F7F7</sup>SCHEDULES 1—8

**Textual Amendments**

**F7** Ss. 1-15, 17-26, 27(2)-(4), Schs. 1-8 repealed by Rent Act 1968 (c. 23), s. 117(5), **Sch. 17**

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