



## 2016 CHAPTER 22

### PART 1

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**1.—**(1) A building or part of a building is a “house in multiple occupation” if—

- (a) it is living accommodation (see section 2),
- (b) it is occupied by 3 or more persons as their only or main residence (see section 3),
- (c) those persons form more than two households (see section 4), and
- (d) rents are payable or other consideration is to be provided in respect of the occupation by at least one of those persons of the living accommodation.

(2) But a building or part of a building within subsection (1) is not a house in multiple occupation if it is listed in Schedule 1 (exceptions).

(3) The Department may by regulations amend this section, sections 2 to 4 and Schedule 1 as it considers appropriate in order to provide that any building or part of a building of a description set out in the regulations is or is not to be a house in multiple occupation for the purposes of this Act, or for such purposes of this Act as are specified in the regulations.

##### Commencement Information

**II** [S. 1](#) in operation at 1.4.2019 by [S.R. 2019/39](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, Section 1.