
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1050

Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

PART I
INTRODUCTORY

Title and commencement

1. This Order^{F1} may be cited as the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 ... *Commencement* ...

F1 1981 NI 3

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“commencement of this Order” means the date on which the provision of this Order in which that expression occurs comes into operation;

“the Department” means the Department of the Environment;

“dwelling-house” includes part of a house;

“the Executive” means the Northern Ireland Housing Executive;

“government department” includes a department of the Government of the United Kingdom;

“the Housing Acts” means the Housing Acts (Northern Ireland) 1890 to 1977;

“the landlord” includes any person from time to time deriving title under the original landlord and also includes, in relation to any dwelling-house, any person other than the tenant who is, or but for Part III would be, entitled to possession of the dwelling-house;

“let” includes sub-let;

“net annual value” means the net annual value under the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 ;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Department;

“private tenancy” means any tenancy except—

(a) a tenancy under which the estate of the landlord belongs to—

(i) the Crown (whether in right of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or in Northern Ireland);

(ii) a government department;

(iii) the Executive;

(iv) a registered housing association;

or is held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department;

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(b) a tenancy the purpose of which is to confer on the tenant the right to occupy a dwelling-house for a holiday;

“protected tenancy” has the meaning assigned by Article 3(1);

“Public Health Acts” means the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland) 1878 to 1967;

Definition rep. by 1985 NI 15

“rates” means the regional rate and the district rate;

“registered”, in relation to a housing association, means registered in the register maintained under^[F2] Part VII of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981];

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“rent” does not include any sum payable on account of rates;

“Rent Restriction Acts” means the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restriction) Acts (Northern Ireland) 1920 to 1932 or Part II of the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1940 ;

“rental period” means a period in respect of which a payment of rent falls to be made;

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^{F6}

“statutory tenant” shall be construed in accordance with Article 4(5);

“tenancy” includes a statutory tenancy;

“tenant” includes a statutory tenant and also includes a sub-tenant and any person deriving title under the original tenant or sub-tenant.

- F2** 1983 NI 15
- F3** Definition of "regulated rent certificate" in art. 2(2) repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**
- F4** Definition of "regulated tenancy" in art. 2(2) repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**
- F5** Definition of "restricted rent certificate" in art. 2(2) repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**
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PART II

[^{F7} PROTECTED AND STATUTORY TENANCIES]

- F7** Heading of Pt. II substituted (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 74, **Sch. 4 para. 2**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Protected tenancies

- 3.—^[F8](1) A tenancy of a dwelling-house is a protected tenancy for the purposes of this Order if—
 - (a) the Rent Restriction Acts applied to the dwelling-house immediately before the commencement of this Order (1st October 1978), and

(b) the dwelling-house was, immediately after that commencement, let under that tenancy as a separate dwelling.

(1A) A tenancy of a dwelling-house is a protected tenancy for the purposes of this Order if—

(a) paragraph (2) applies to the dwelling-house, and

(b) the dwelling-house was, immediately before the commencement of Article 56 of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, let under that tenancy as a separate dwelling.]

[^{F9}(2) This paragraph applies to a dwelling-house let by an unregistered housing association if, immediately before the commencement of Part V of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, this Order applied to such a dwelling-house, or would have so applied if the landlord had not been an unregistered housing association.

(2A) In paragraph (2) “unregistered housing association” means a housing association, as defined in [^{F10} Article 3 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 which is not registered under Article 14 of that Order].]

[^{F11}(2B) A tenancy of a dwelling-house is a protected tenancy for the purposes of this Order if, immediately before the commencement of Article 56 of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, that tenancy was a protected tenancy by virtue of Article 5 of this Order.]

(3) If any question arises in any proceedings whether the Rent Restriction Acts applied to a dwelling-house immediately before the commencement of this Order, it shall be deemed to be a dwelling-house to which those Acts applied unless the contrary is shown.

[^{F12}(3A) For the purposes of this Article, a dwelling-house may be a house or part of a house.]

(4) In this Order “protected tenancy” does not include a fee farm grant or a tenancy granted for a term certain exceeding ninety-nine years, unless that tenancy is, or may become, terminable before the end of that term by notice given to the tenant.

F8 Art. 3(1)(1A) substituted (1.4.2007) for art. 3(1) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), **56(2)**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)**

F9 1983 NI 15

F10 1992 NI 15

F11 Art. 3(2B) inserted (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), **56(3)**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)**

F12 Art. 3(3A) inserted (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), **56(4)**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)**

Statutory tenants and tenancies

4.—(1) After the termination of a protected tenancy of a dwelling-house the person who, immediately before that termination, was the protected tenant of the dwelling-house shall, if and so long as he occupies the dwelling-house as his residence, be the statutory tenant of it.

(2) Schedule 1 shall have effect for determining what person (if any) is the statutory tenant of a dwelling-house ^{F13}. . . after the death of a person who, immediately before his death, was either a protected tenant of the dwelling-house or the statutory tenant of it by virtue of paragraph (1) or (5).

(3) In paragraph (1) and in Schedule 1, the phrase “if and so long as he occupies the dwelling-house as his residence” shall be construed as requiring the fulfilment of the same, and only the same, qualifications (whether as to residence or otherwise) as had to be fulfilled before the commencement of this Order to entitle a tenant, within the meaning of the Rent Restriction Acts, to retain possession, by virtue of those Acts and not by virtue of a tenancy, of a dwelling-house to which those Acts applied.

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(4) A person who becomes a statutory tenant of a dwelling-house as mentioned in paragraph (1) is, in this Order, referred to as a statutory tenant by virtue of his previous protected tenancy, and a person who becomes a statutory tenant as mentioned in paragraph (2) is, in this Order, referred to as a statutory tenant by succession.

(5) In this Order—

- (a) any reference to a statutory tenant by virtue of his previous protected tenancy shall be deemed to include a reference to a person—
 - (i) who has been the tenant under a tenancy of a dwelling-house to which the Rent Restriction Acts applied immediately before the commencement of this Order; and
 - (ii) who has retained possession of that dwelling-house by virtue of those Acts and is in possession of that dwelling-house immediately before that commencement;
- (b) any reference to a statutory tenant by succession shall be deemed to include a reference to a tenant of a dwelling-house to which the Rent Restriction Acts applied immediately before the commencement of this Order whose right to retain possession of that dwelling-house by virtue of the Acts arose on the death of either—
 - (i) a person who had been the tenant under a tenancy of the dwelling-house and had retained possession of that dwelling-house by virtue of the Rent Restriction Acts; or
 - (ii) a person who became the tenant of the dwelling-house after the death of such a person as is mentioned in head (i),

and “statutory tenant” shall be construed accordingly.

(6) In this Order a dwelling-house is referred to as subject to a statutory tenancy when there is a statutory tenant of it.

F13 Words in art. 4(2) repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 74, 75, Sch. 4 para. 3, Sch. 5; S.R. 2006/428, art. 3(b)(c)

Application to new tenancies

5. ^{F14}

F14 Art. 5 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 57(3), 75, Sch. 5 (with art. 57(4)); S.R. 2006/428, art. 3(b)(c)

Art. 6 rep. by 1989 NI 4

Restricted and regulated tenancies

7. ^{F15}

F15 Arts. 7-11 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, Sch. 5; S.R. 2006/428, art. 3(b)(c)

Restricted and regulated rent certificates

8. ^{F16}

F16 Arts. 7-11 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Conversion of restricted tenancies

9. ^{F17}

F17 Arts. 7-11 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Ancillary provisions as to applications under Articles 8 and 9

10. ^{F18}

F18 Arts. 7-11 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Appeal to county court

11. ^{F19}

F19 Arts. 7-11 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Premises with a business use

12.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the fact that part of the premises comprised in a dwelling-house is used as a shop or office or for business, trade or professional purposes shall not prevent the dwelling-house from being let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy.

(2) Paragraphs (3) to (5) apply, subject to paragraph (6), where, immediately before the commencement of this Order, part (“the non-residential part”) of a house to which the Rent Restriction Acts applied was used as a shop or office or for business, trade or professional purposes.

[^{F20}(3) Where it is possible to enter the part of the house used as a dwelling (“the residential part”) without passing through the non-residential part, Articles 3 and 4 shall apply only to the residential part.

(4) Where it is possible to enter the residential part only by passing through the non-residential part, Articles 3 and 4 shall apply to the entire house.]

(5) In the application of Article 7(2) as respects any such house as is referred to in paragraph (2), the non-residential part shall be left out of account.

(6) A tenancy of a dwelling-house which consists of or comprises premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors for consumption on the premises shall not be a protected tenancy, nor shall such a dwelling-house be the subject of a statutory tenancy.

Para. (7) rep. by 1996 NI 5

F20 Art. 12(3)(4) substituted (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), **58**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)**

PART III

SECURITY OF TENURE

Limitations on recovery of possession of dwelling-houses let on protected tenancies or subject to statutory tenancies

Grounds for possession of certain dwelling-houses

13.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Part, a court shall not make an order for possession of a dwelling-house which is for the time being let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy unless the court considers it reasonable to make such an order and either—

- (a) the court is satisfied that suitable alternative accommodation is available for the tenant or will be available for him when the order in question takes effect, or
- (b) the circumstances are as specified in any of the Cases in Part I of Schedule 4.

(2) If, apart from paragraph (1), the landlord would be entitled to recover possession of a dwelling-house which is for the time being let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy, the court shall make an order for possession if the circumstances of the case are as specified in any of the Cases in Part II of Schedule 4.

(3) Part III of Schedule 4 shall have effect in relation to Case 8 in that Schedule.

(4) Part IV of Schedule 4 shall have effect for determining whether, for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), suitable alternative accommodation is or will be available for a tenant.

[^{F21}(5) Part V of Schedule 4 shall have effect for the purpose of setting out the conditions which are relevant to Cases 11, 12 and 18 of that Schedule.]

F21 1983 NI 15

Extended discretion of court in claims for possession of certain dwelling-houses

14.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), a court may adjourn, for such period or periods as it thinks fit, proceedings for possession of a dwelling-house which is let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy.

(2) On the making of an order for possession of such a dwelling-house or at any time before the enforcement of such an order (whether made before or after the commencement of this Order), the court, subject to paragraph (5), on the application of the tenant or of the tenant's spouse^[F22] or civil partner^[F22] if that spouse^[F22] or civil partner^[F22] is occupying the dwelling-house as his or her residence, may—

- (a) stay or suspend enforcement of the order, or
- (b) postpone the date of possession,

for such period or periods as the court thinks fit.

[^{F23}(3) On any such adjournment as is referred to in paragraph (1) or any such stay, suspension or postponement as is referred to in paragraph (2), the court shall, unless it considers that to do so would cause exceptional hardship to the tenant or would otherwise be unreasonable, impose conditions with regard to payment by the tenant of arrears of rent (if any) and rent or payments in respect of occupation after termination of the tenancy (mesne profits) and may impose such other conditions as it thinks fit.]

(4) If any such conditions as are referred to in paragraph (3) are complied with, the court may, if it thinks fit, discharge or rescind any such order as is referred to in paragraph (2).

[^{F24}(4A) Paragraph (4B) applies in any case where—

- (a) proceedings are brought for possession of a dwelling house which is let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy;
- (b) the[^{F22} tenant's spouse or former spouse, or civil partner or former civil partner, having home rights][^{F25} under the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998], is then in occupation of the dwelling house; and
- (c) the tenancy is, or may be, terminated as a result of those proceedings.

(4B) In any case to which this paragraph applies, the spouse or former spouse[^{F22}, or the civil partner or former civil partner,] shall, so long as he or she remains in occupation, have the same rights in relation to, or in connection with, any such adjournment as is referred to in paragraph (1) or any such stay, suspension or postponement as is referred to in paragraph (2), as he or she would have if[^{F22} those home rights] were not affected by the termination of the tenancy.]

[^{F25}(4C) Paragraph (4D) applies in any case where—

- (a) proceedings are brought for possession of a dwelling-house which is let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy;
- (b) an order is in force under Article 13 of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 conferring rights on the[^{F22} former spouse or former civil partner of the tenant] or an order is in force under Article 14 of that Order conferring rights on a cohabitee or former cohabitee (within the meaning of that Order) of the tenant;
- (c) that former spouse,[^{F22} former civil partner,] cohabitee or former cohabitee is then in occupation of the dwelling-house; and
- (d) the tenancy is or may be terminated as a result of those proceedings.

(4D) In any case to which this paragraph applies, the former spouse,[^{F22} former civil partner,] cohabitee or former cohabitee shall, so long as he or she remains in occupation, have the same rights in relation to, or in connection with, any such adjournment as is referred to in paragraph (1) or any such stay, suspension or postponement as is referred to in paragraph (2), as he or she would have if the rights conferred by the order referred to in paragraph (4C)(b) were not affected by the termination of the tenancy.]

(5) [^{F24}Paragraphs (1) to[^{F25} (4D)]] shall not apply if the circumstances are as specified in any of the Cases in Part II of Schedule 4.

F22	2004 c.33
F23	1983 NI 15
F24	1984 NI 14
F25	1998 NI 6

Protected and statutory tenancies

Terms and conditions of statutory tenancies

15.—(1) So long as he retains possession, a statutory tenant shall observe and be entitled to the benefit of all the terms and conditions of the original contract of tenancy, so far as they are consistent with this Order.

(2) A statutory tenant of a dwelling-house shall be entitled to give up possession of the dwelling-house only—

- (a) if he gives such notice as would have been required under the original contract of tenancy, or
- (b) if no notice would have been so required, on giving not less than four weeks' notice.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in the contract of tenancy, a landlord who obtains an order for possession of a dwelling-house as against a statutory tenant shall not be required to give the statutory tenant any notice to quit.

Payments demanded by protected or statutory tenants as a condition of giving up possession

16.—(1) A protected or statutory tenant of a dwelling-house who, as a condition of giving up possession of the dwelling-house, asks for or receives the payment of any sum, or the giving up of any other consideration, by any person other than the landlord, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to^{F26} a fine not exceeding £500].

(2) Where a protected or statutory tenant of a dwelling-house requires that furniture or other articles shall be purchased as a condition of his giving up possession of the dwelling-house—

- (a) the price demanded shall, at the request of the person on whom the demand is made, be stated in writing, and
- (b) if the price exceeds the reasonable price of the articles, the excess shall be treated, for the purposes of paragraph (1), as a sum asked to be paid as a condition of giving up possession.

(3) The court by which a person is convicted of an offence under this Article may order the payment—

- (a) to the person who made any such payment, or gave any such consideration, as is referred to in paragraph (1), of the amount of that payment or the value of that consideration, or
- (b) to the person who paid any such price as is referred to in paragraph (2)(a), of the amount by which the price paid exceeds the reasonable price.

F26 1983 NI 15

Changes of statutory tenants

Change of statutory tenant by agreement

17. ^{F27}

F27 Art. 17 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 59(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with art. 59(4)); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

No pecuniary consideration to be required on change of tenant under Article 17

18. ^{F28}

F28 Art. 18 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 59(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with art. 59(4)); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Miscellaneous

Determination of sub-tenancies

[^{F29}19. Where—

- (a) the whole or part of a dwelling-house—
 - (i) let on a protected tenancy, or
 - (ii) subject to a statutory tenancy,is sub-let; and
- (b) after the commencement of Article 59 of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 the landlord becomes entitled, as against the tenant, to possession of the dwelling-house;

the landlord shall also be entitled to possession against the sub-tenant.]

F29 Art. 19 substituted (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), **59(5)**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)**

Compensation for misrepresentation or concealment

20. Where in such circumstances as are specified in any Case in Schedule 4—

- (a) a landlord obtains an order for possession of a dwelling-house let on a protected tenancy or subject to a statutory tenancy; and
- (b) it is subsequently made to appear to the court that the order was obtained by misrepresentation or concealment of material facts,

the court may order the landlord to pay to the former tenant such sum as appears sufficient as compensation for damage or loss sustained by that tenant as a result of the order.

PART IV

RENTS UNDER REGULATED TENANCIES

Rent limit under regulated tenancies

Limit of rent under regulated tenancies

21. ^{F30}

F30 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Ancillary provisions as to notices of increase

22. ^{F31}

F31 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Enforcement

Recovery from landlord of sums paid in excess of recoverable rent, etc.

23. ^{F32}

F32 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

Interpretation

Interpretation of Part IV

24. ^{F33}

F33 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

PART V

REGISTRATION AND DETERMINATION OF RENTS

Register of rents

25. ^{F34}

F34 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

Amounts attributable to services

25A. ^{F35}

F35 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

Removal of tenancies from the register

25B. ^{F36}

F36 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

Application for registration of rent

26. ^{F37}

F37 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Applications to rent assessment committee

27. ^{F38}

F38 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Rent assessment committees: constitution, etc.

28. ^{F39}

F39 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Recoupment of rates, etc. from tenants

29. ^{F40}

F40 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Effect of registration of rent

30. ^{F41}

F41 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Application for determination of appropriate rent following change in condition of dwelling-houses, etc.

31. ^{F42}

F42 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Applications for determination of future rent

32. ^{F43}

F43 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

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Review of registered rents

33. ^{F44}

F44 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40, art. 2](#)); [S.R. 2006/428, art. 3\(b\)\(c\)](#)

Collection of information about certain tenancies

34. ^{F45}

F45 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40, art. 2](#)); [S.R. 2006/428, art. 3\(b\)\(c\)](#)

Offences under Part V

35. ^{F46}

F46 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40, art. 2](#)); [S.R. 2006/428, art. 3\(b\)\(c\)](#)

PART VI

RENTS UNDER RESTRICTED TENANCIES

Rents of restricted tenancies

36. ^{F47}

F47 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40, art. 2](#)); [S.R. 2006/428, art. 3\(b\)\(c\)](#)

Recovery from landlord of sums paid in excess of recoverable rent, etc.

37. ^{F48}

F48 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40, art. 2](#)); [S.R. 2006/428, art. 3\(b\)\(c\)](#)

PART VII

RENT BOOKS AND RIGHTS AND REPAIRING OBLIGATIONS UNDER REGULATED TENANCIES

Rent books for private tenancies

38. ^{F49}

F49 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Offences under Article 38

39. ^{F50}

F50 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Provisions applied to regulated tenancies

40. ^{F51}

F51 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Landlord's duties to repair, etc. under regulated tenancy

41. ^{F52}

F52 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Care of premises by tenant under regulated tenancy

42. ^{F53}

F53 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Landlord's obligations under regulated tenancy of parts of building

43. ^{F54}

F54 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

General qualifications on landlord's duties

44. ^{F55}

F55 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in S.R. 2007/40, art. 2); S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Standard of repair and knowledge of disrepair

45. ^{F56}

F56 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

Certificates of disrepair

46. ^{F57}

F57 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

Appeals in relation to certificates of disrepair

47. ^{F58}

F58 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

Enforcement, etc. of certificates of disrepair

48. ^{F59}

F59 Pts. IV-VII repealed (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5** (with savings in [S.R. 2007/40](#), art. 2); [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

PART VIII

PREMIUMS, ETC.

Prohibition of premiums and loans on [^{F60}renewal] , etc. of protected tenancies

49.—(1) Any person who, as a condition of the ^{F61} . . . renewal or continuance of a protected tenancy, requires, in addition to the rent, the payment of any premium or the making of any loan (whether secured or unsecured) shall be guilty of an offence under this Article.

(2) Any person who, in connection with the ^{F62} . . . renewal or continuance of a protected tenancy, receives any premium, or any loan, in addition to the rent, shall be guilty of an offence under this Article.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this Article shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £1,000.

(4) The court by which a person is convicted of an offence under the provisions of this Article relating to requiring or receiving any premium may order the amount of the premium to be repaid to the person by whom it was paid.

F60 Word in the heading of art. 49 substituted (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 74, **Sch. 4 para. 4(a)**; [S.R. 2006/428](#), **art. 3(b)(c)**

- F61** Word in art. 49(1) repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 74, 75, Sch. 4 para. 4(b), **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**
- F62** Word in art. 49(2) repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 74, 75, Sch. 4 para. 4(b), **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Prohibition of premiums and loans on assignment of protected tenancies

50. ^{F63}

- F63** Art. 50 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Excessive price for furniture to be treated as premium

51. Where the purchase of any furniture has been required as a condition of the grant, renewal, continuance or assignment of a protected tenancy then, if the price exceeds the reasonable price of the furniture, the excess shall be treated, for the purposes of this Part, as if it were a premium required to be paid as a condition of the grant, renewal, continuance or assignment of the tenancy.

Recovery of premiums and loans unlawfully required or received

52.—(1) Where under any agreement (whether made before or after the commencement of this Order)—

- (a) any premium is paid after that commencement; and
- (b) the whole or any part of that premium could not lawfully be required or received under the preceding provisions of this Part,

the amount of the premium or, as the case may be, so much of it as could not lawfully be required or received, shall be recoverable by the person by whom it was paid.

(2) Nothing in Article 49 or 51 shall invalidate any agreement for the making of a loan or any security issued in pursuance of such an agreement but, notwithstanding anything in the agreement for the loan, any sum lent in circumstances involving a contravention of either of those Articles shall be repayable to the lender on demand.

Interpretation of Part VIII

53.—(1) In this Part—

“furniture” includes fittings and other articles;

[^{F64}“premium” includes—

- (a) any fine or other like sum;
- (b) any other pecuniary consideration in addition to rent; and
- (c) any sum paid by way of a deposit, other than one which does not exceed one-sixth of the annual rent and is reasonable in relation to the potential liability in respect of which it is paid.]

(2) Nothing in this Part renders any amount recoverable more than once.

- F64** 1983 NI 15

PART IX

PROTECTION AGAINST HARASSMENT AND EVICTION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Pt. IX (arts. 54-58) excluded (17.9.2011) by [Caravans Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 14(3)**, 18

Unlawful eviction and harassment of occupier

54.—(1) If any person unlawfully deprives the tenant of a dwelling-house of his occupation of the dwelling-house or any part thereof or attempts to do so he shall be guilty of an offence unless he proves that he believed, and had reasonable cause to believe, that the tenant had ceased to reside in the dwelling-house.

(2) If any person with intent to cause the tenant of a dwelling-house—

- (a) to give up the occupation of the dwelling-house or any part thereof; or
- (b) to refrain from exercising any right or pursuing any remedy in respect of the dwelling-house or any part thereof;

does acts [^{F65}likely] to interfere with the peace or comfort of the tenant or members of his household, or persistently withdraws or withholds services reasonably required for the occupation of the dwelling-house as a residence, he shall be guilty of an offence.

[^{F66}(2A) Subject to paragraph (2B), the landlord of a dwelling-house or an agent of the landlord shall be guilty of an offence under this Order if—

- (a) he does acts likely to interfere with the peace and comfort of the tenant of the dwelling-house or members of his household, or
- (b) he persistently withdraws or withholds services reasonably required for the occupation of the dwelling-house as a residence,

and, (in either case) he knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that the conduct is likely to cause the tenant to give up occupation of the whole or part of the premises or to refrain from exercising any right or pursuing any remedy in respect of the whole or part of the premises.

(2B) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under paragraph (2A) if he proves that he had reasonable grounds for doing the acts or withdrawing or withholding the services in question.]

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this Article shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both; and
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

[^{F67}(3A) Proceedings for an offence under this Article may be instituted by the district council in whose district the dwelling-house is situated.]

(4) Nothing in this Article shall prejudice any liability or remedy to which a person guilty of an offence thereunder may be subject in civil proceedings.

F65 Word in [art. 54\(2\)](#) substituted (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), [arts. 1\(3\)](#), **60(2)**; [S.R. 2006/428](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

F66 Art. 54(2A)(2B) inserted (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), **60(3)**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)**

F67 1992 NI 15

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Arts. 54-58 excluded (17.9.2011) by Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 12), **ss. 14(3)**, 18

Restriction on re-entry without due process of law

55. Where any premises are let as a dwelling-house on a lease which is subject to a right of re-entry or forfeiture it shall not be lawful to enforce that right otherwise than in pursuance of proceedings in the court while any person is lawfully residing in the premises or any part of them.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 Arts. 54-58 excluded (17.9.2011) by Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 12), **ss. 14(3)**, 18

Prohibition of eviction without due process of law

56.—(1) Where any premises have been let as a dwelling-house under a tenancy and—

- (a) the tenancy (in this Part referred to as “the former tenancy”) has come to an end; but
- (b) the occupier continues to reside in the premises or part of them;

it shall not be lawful for the owner to enforce against the occupier, otherwise than in pursuance of proceedings in the court, his right to recover possession of the premises.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall, with the necessary modifications, apply where the owner's right to recover possession arises on the death of the tenant under a statutory tenancy.

(3) In this Article “occupier” means any person lawfully residing in a dwelling-house at the termination of the former tenancy.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 Arts. 54-58 excluded (17.9.2011) by Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 12), **ss. 14(3)**, 18

Savings (Part IX)

57.—(1) Nothing in this Part shall affect the jurisdiction of the High Court in proceedings—

- (a) to enforce a lessor's right of re-entry or forfeiture;
- (b) to enforce a mortgagee's right of possession in a case where the former tenancy was not binding on the mortgagee.

(2) Nothing in this Part shall affect the operation of—

- (a) section 19 of the Defence Act 1842 ;
- (b) section 91 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 ;
- (c) section 5(1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1912 .

[^{F68}(d) Article 129 of, and Schedule 15 to, the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985]

F68 1985 NI 11

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 Arts. 54-58 excluded (17.9.2011) by Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 12), ss. 14(3), 18

Interpretation of Part IX

58.—(1) In this Part—

“the court” means—

- (a) the county court, in relation to premises with respect to which the county court has for the time being jurisdiction in actions for the recovery of land; and
- (b) the High Court, in relation to other premises;

“the owner”, in relation to any premises, means the person who, as against the occupier, is entitled to possession of the premises.

(2) For the purpose of this Part a person who, under the terms of his employment, had exclusive possession of a dwelling-house otherwise than as a tenant shall be deemed to have been a tenant and “let” and “tenancy” shall be construed accordingly.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 Arts. 54-58 excluded (17.9.2011) by Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 12), ss. 14(3), 18

Part X (Arts. 59#61) rep. by 1983 NI 14

PART XI

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Length of notice to quit under tenancies of dwelling-houses

62. ^{F69}

F69 Art. 62 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, Sch. 5; S.R. 2006/428, art. 3(b)(c)

Inspection and entry of certain premises

63. ^{F70}

F70 Art. 63 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, Sch. 5; S.R. 2006/428, art. 3(b)(c)

Tenant sharing accommodation with persons other than landlord

64.—(1) Where a tenant has the exclusive occupation of any accommodation (in this Article referred to as “the separate accommodation”) and—

- (a) the terms as between the tenant and his landlord on which he holds the separate accommodation include the use of other accommodation (in this Article referred to as “the

shared accommodation”) in common with another person or other persons, not being or including the landlord, and

- (b) by reason only of the circumstances mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), the separate accommodation would not, apart from this Article, be a dwelling-house let on or subject to a protected or statutory tenancy,

the separate accommodation shall be deemed to be a dwelling-house let on a protected tenancy or, as the case may be, subject to a statutory tenancy and the following provisions of this Article shall have effect.

(2) Where, for the purpose of determining the net annual value of the separate accommodation, it is necessary to make an apportionment under this Order, regard is to be had to the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (1)(a).

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), while the tenant is in possession of the separate accommodation (whether as a protected or statutory tenant), any term or condition of the contract of tenancy terminating or modifying, or providing for the termination or modification of, his right to the use of any of the shared accommodation which is living accommodation shall be of no effect.

(4) Where the terms and conditions of the contract of tenancy are such that at any time during the tenancy the persons in common with whom the tenant is entitled to the use of the shared accommodation could be varied, or their number could be increased, nothing in paragraph (3) shall prevent those terms and conditions from having effect so far as they relate to any such variation or increase.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6) and without prejudice to the enforcement of any order made thereunder, while the tenant is in possession of the separate accommodation, no order shall be made for possession of any of the shared accommodation, whether on the application of the immediate landlord of the tenant or on the application of any person under whom that landlord derives title, unless a like order has been made, or is made at the same time, in respect of the separate accommodation; and Article 13(1) shall apply accordingly.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), on the application of the landlord, the county court may make such order, either—

- (a) terminating the right of the tenant to use the whole or any part of the shared accommodation other than living accommodation, or
- (b) modifying his right to use the whole or any part of the shared accommodation, whether by varying the persons or increasing the number of persons entitled to the use of that accommodation, or otherwise,

as the court thinks just.

(7) No order shall be made under paragraph (6) so as to effect any termination or modification of the rights of the tenant which, apart from paragraph (3), could not be effected by or under the terms of the contract of tenancy.

(8) In this Article “living accommodation” means accommodation of such a nature that the fact that it constitutes or is included in the shared accommodation is (or, if the tenancy has ended, was) sufficient, apart from this Article, to prevent the tenancy from constituting a protected or statutory tenancy of a dwelling-house.

Certain sub-lettings not to exclude any part of sub-lessor's premises from Order

65.—(1) Where the tenant of any premises consisting of a dwelling-house has sub-let a part, but not the whole, of the premises, then, as against his landlord or any superior landlord, no part of the premises shall be treated as not being a dwelling-house let on or subject to a protected or statutory tenancy by reason only that—

- (a) the terms on which any person claiming under the tenant holds any part of the premises include the use of accommodation in common with other persons; or
- (b) part of the premises is let to any such person at a rent which includes payments in respect of board, attendance or use of furniture.

(2) This Article does not affect the rights against, and liabilities to, each other of the tenant and any person claiming under him, or of any two such persons.

Overholding

66. A tenant shall not be deemed for the purposes of section 76 of the Landlord and Tenant Law Amendment Act, Ireland, 1860 (payment of double rent for overholding) wilfully to hold over any land comprised in a tenancy by reason only of his remaining in possession thereof under or by virtue of this Order.

Adjustment for differences in lengths of rental periods

67.—(1) In ascertaining for the purposes of this Order whether there is any difference with respect to rents or rates between one rental period and another (whether of the same tenancy or not) or the amount of any such difference, any necessary adjustment shall be made to take account of periods of different lengths.

- (2) For the purposes of an adjustment referred to in paragraph (1)—
 - (a) one month shall be treated as equivalent to one-twelfth of a year; and
 - (b) one week shall be treated as equivalent to one fifty-second of a year.

Appropriate district councils

68. ^{F71}

F71 Art. 68 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

County court jurisdiction

69.—(1) A county court shall have jurisdiction, either in the course of any proceedings relating to a dwelling or on an application made for the purpose by the landlord or the tenant, to determine any question—

- (a) as to whether a tenancy is a protected tenancy or whether any person is a statutory tenant of a dwelling-house;
- (b) ^{F72}
- (c) ^{F72}
- (d) ^{F72}

or as to any matter which is or may become material for determining any such question.

(2) A county court shall have jurisdiction to deal with any claim or other proceedings arising out of any of the provisions of this Order (except Part IX) notwithstanding that by any reason of the amount of the claim or otherwise the case would not, apart from this paragraph, be within the jurisdiction of a county court.

(3) If, under this Order, a person takes proceedings in the High Court which he could have taken in the county court he shall not be entitled to receive any costs.

F72 Art. 69(1)(b)-(d) repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Prosecution of offences

70. Offences under this Order are, subject to Article 54(3), punishable summarily.

Net annual value

71.—(1) The net annual value on any day of a dwelling-house shall be ascertained for the purposes of this Order as follows:—

- (a) if the dwelling-house is a hereditament for which a net annual value is then shown in the valuation list, it shall be that net annual value;
- (b) if the dwelling-house forms part only of such a hereditament or consists of or forms part of more than one such hereditament, its net annual value shall be taken to be such value as is found by a proper apportionment or aggregation of the net annual value or values so shown;
- (c) if Article 12(3) applies in relation to the dwelling-house, its net annual value shall be taken to be the value appointed, under Article 44(2) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, to so much of the dwelling-house as is used for the purposes of a private dwelling;
- (d) if Article 12(4) applies in relation to the dwelling-house, its net annual value shall be taken to be the net annual value shown in the valuation list for the dwelling-house.

(2) Any question arising under this Article as to the proper apportionment or aggregation of any value or values shall be determined by the Commissioner of Valuation for Northern Ireland.

(3) Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Commissioner of Valuation for Northern Ireland under paragraph (2) as to the proper apportionment or aggregation of any value or values may, within twenty-eight days from the date on which he receives notice of the decision, appeal to the Lands Tribunal against the decision.

(4) Where, after the commencement of this Order—

- (a) the valuation list is altered so as to vary the net annual value of the hereditament of which the dwelling-house consists or forms part; and
- (b) the alteration has effect from a date not later than that commencement, the net annual value of the dwelling-house on the commencement of this Order shall be ascertained as if the value shown in the valuation list on that commencement had been the value shown in the list as altered.

(5) Paragraphs (1) to (4) apply in relation to any other land as they apply in relation to a dwelling-house.

Information

72. ^{F73}

F73 Art. 72 repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 75, **Sch. 5**; S.R. 2006/428, **art. 3(b)(c)**

Service of notices on landlord's agents

73.—(1) Any document required or authorised by this Order to be served on a landlord of a dwelling-house shall be deemed to be duly served on him if it is served—

- (a) on any agent of the landlord named as such in the rent book; or
- (b) on the person who receives the rent of the dwelling-house.

(2) [^{F74}If—]

- [^{F74}(a) the tenant under a private tenancy of a dwelling-house, or
- (b) a district council for the purposes of enabling it to perform any of its functions under this Order,]

serves upon any such agent or other person as is referred to in paragraph (1) a notice in writing requiring the agent or other person to disclose to him the full name and place of abode or place of business of the landlord, that agent or other person shall forthwith comply with the notice.

(3) If any such agent or other person as is referred to in paragraph (2) fails or refuses forthwith to comply with a notice served on him under that paragraph, he shall be liable to [^{F74}a fine not exceeding £500], unless he shows to the satisfaction of the court that he did not know, and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained, such of the facts required by the notice to be disclosed as were not disclosed by him.

F74 1983 NI 15

[^{F75}Method of serving certain documents

73A.—(1) Any document to be served under [^{F76}Article 73(2)] may be served by being sent by ordinary post.

(2) In section 24(1) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (service of documents), as it applies to the service by post of such a document, the word “registering” shall be omitted.]

F75 1992 NI 15

F76 Words in art. 73A(1) substituted (1.4.2007) by [Private Tenancies \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1459 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 74, [Sch. 4 para. 5](#); S.R. 2006/428, [art. 3\(b\)\(c\)](#)

Regulations

74.—(1) The Department may make regulations—

- (a) prescribing forms for notices, certificates and other documents required or authorised under this Order;
- (b) requiring such notices, certificates and documents to contain such information as may be specified in the regulations;
- (c) prescribing the procedure on applications to, and to be followed by, rent assessment committees;
- (d) prescribing anything which is required by this Order to be prescribed;
- (e) generally for carrying into effect this Order.

(2) Regulations under paragraph (1) may contain provisions modifying Schedule 6, but any such regulations shall be made subject to affirmative resolution.

(3) Subject to paragraph (2), regulations under paragraph (1) shall be subject to negative resolution.

Application to Crown property

75.—(1) ^{F77} . . . this Order shall apply in relation to premises in which there subsists, or at any material time subsisted, a Crown estate as it applies in relation to premises in which no such estate subsists or ever subsisted.

(2) In this Article “Crown estate” means an estate—

- (a) which belongs to the Crown in right of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or in Northern Ireland; or
- (b) which is held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department.

<p>F77 Words in art. 75(1) repealed (1.4.2007) by Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 74, 75, Sch. 4 para. 6, Sch. 5; S.R. 2006/428, art. 3(b)(c)</p>
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Prohibition of agreements excluding Order

76. This Order shall have effect notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary.

Amendments, savings and repeals

77. *Para.(1), with Schedule 8, effects amendments*

(2) The savings in Schedule 9 shall have effect.

Para.(3), with Schedule 10, effects repeals

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.