
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No.

**The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work
and Property Management Work (Requirement to
Belong to a Scheme etc) (England) Order 2014**

PART 4

Enforcement

Enforcement authority

7.—(1) It shall be the duty of every enforcement authority to enforce this Order.

(2) The duty referred to in paragraph (1) applies to the enforcement of the Order within the authority's area.

Penalty for breach of the requirement to belong to a redress scheme

8.—(1) Where an enforcement authority is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that a person has failed to comply with the requirement to belong to a redress scheme under article 3 (requirement to belong to a redress scheme: lettings agency work) or article 5 (requirement to belong to a redress scheme: property management work), the authority may by notice require the person to pay the authority a monetary penalty (a “monetary penalty”) of such amount as the authority may determine.

(2) The amount of the monetary penalty must not exceed £5,000.

(3) The Schedule provides for the procedure relating to the imposition of a monetary penalty.

Appeals

9.—(1) A person who is served with a notice imposing a monetary penalty under paragraph 3 of the Schedule (a “final notice”) may appeal to the First-tier Tribunal against that notice.

(2) The grounds for appeal are that—

- (a) the decision to impose a monetary penalty was based on an error of fact;
- (b) the decision was wrong in law;
- (c) the amount of the monetary penalty is unreasonable;
- (d) the decision was unreasonable for any other reason.

(3) Where a person has appealed to the First-tier Tribunal under paragraph (1), the final notice is suspended until the appeal is finally determined or withdrawn.

(4) The Tribunal may —

- (a) quash the final notice;
- (b) confirm the final notice;
- (c) vary the final notice.

Recovery of monetary penalty

10.—(1) The enforcement authority may recover the monetary penalty on the order of a court, as if payable under a court order.

(2) In proceedings for the recovery of the amount due, a certificate which is—

(a) signed by the enforcement authority’s chief finance officer (within the meaning of section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989⁽¹⁾); and

(b) states that the amount due has not been received by a date specified in that certificate, is conclusive evidence of that fact, and a certificate to that effect and purporting to be signed is to be treated as being signed, unless the contrary is proved.

(3) Sums received by an enforcement authority under a monetary penalty may be used by the authority for any of its functions.

(1) 1989 c.42; amendments have been made to section 5 but they are not relevant to this Order.