



Housing Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 44

PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS

[^{F1}129 Interpretation.

(1) In the application of this Act in England and Wales—

“the Corporation means the Housing Corporation;

“dwelling means a building or part of a building occupied or intended to be occupied as a separate dwelling, together with any yard, garden, outhouses and appurtenances belonging to or usually enjoyed with that building or part;

“hostel means a building wherein is provided, for persons generally or for a class or classes of persons, residential accommodation (otherwise than in separate and self-contained sets of premises) and either board or facilities for the preparation of food adequate to the needs of those persons, or both;

“house in multiple occupation means a house which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household, exclusive of any part thereof which is occupied as a separate dwelling by persons who do form a single household;

“housing association has the meaning assigned to it by section 189(1) of the ^{M1}Housing Act 1957;

“improvement grant and “intermediate grant have the meanings assigned to them by section 56(2) of this Act;

“operative date means 1st April 1975 or such later date as may be specified under, and for the purposes of, section 17(1) of this Act;

“registered, except in the expression “registered charity means registered in the register of housing associations established under section 13 of this Act, and “registration and “unregistered shall be construed accordingly;

“registered charity means a charity of which particulars are entered in the register of charities established under section 4 of the ^{M2}Charities Act 1960;

“repairs grant and “special grant have the meanings assigned to them by section 56(2) above.

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- (2) In the application of this Act in Scotland—
- “charge includes a heritable security;
 - “the Corporation means the Housing Corporation;
 - “dwelling means a house within the meaning of section 208(1) of the ^{M3}Housing (Scotland) Act 1966;
 - “heritable security has the meaning assigned to it by section 12 of this Act;
 - “hostel has the same meaning as in section 21(4) of the ^{M4}Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968;
 - “housing association has the meaning assigned to it by section 208(1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1966;
 - “local authority has the meaning assigned to it by section 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1966;
 - “mortgage means a heritable security and “mortgagee means the creditor in such a security;
 - “operative date has the same meaning as in subsection (1) above;
 - “registered means registered in the register of housing associations established under section 13 of this Act, and “registration and “unregistered shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act a person is a member of another’s family if that person is—
- (a) the other’s wife or husband; or
 - (b) a son or daughter or a son-in-law or daughter-in-law of the other, or of the other’s wife or husband; or
 - (c) the father or mother of the other, or of the other’s wife or husband.
- (4) In paragraph (b) of subsection (3) above any reference to a person’s son or daughter includes a reference to any step-son or step-daughter, [^{F2}and any illegitimate son or daughter] of that person, and “son-in-law and “daughter-in-law shall be construed accordingly.
- (5) Any reference in this Act to any other enactment shall be construed as referring to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 121–130 repealed by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985 \(c. 71, SIF 61\)](#), s. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. 1 of the Act extend to England And Wales) and ss. 121–123, 127, 128 repealed (S.) by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 26, SIF 61\)](#), ss. 335, 339(3), **Sch. 24**
- F2** Words substituted by [Children Act 1975 \(c. 72\)](#), **Sch. 3 para. 83**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1957 c. 56.
M2 1960 c. 58.
M3 1966 c. 49.
M4 1968 c. 31.

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