



# Housing Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 68

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An Act to consolidate the Housing Acts (except those provisions consolidated in the Housing Associations Act 1985 and the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985), and certain related provisions, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission.

[30th October 1985]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### Editorial Information

**X1** A Table showing the derivation of the provisions of this consolidation Act will be found at the end of the Act. The Table has no official status.

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act amended by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985 \(c. 71, SIF 61\), s. 2\(3\)](#)  
Act amended (1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1996/593, reg. 2, Sch. 1](#)  
Act amended (24.9.1996) by [1996 c. 52, ss. 221\(a\), 232\(2\)](#)
- C2** By [Housing Act 1986 \(c. 50, SIF 61\), s. 140\(1\), Sch. 17 para. 106](#) it is provided that for the words "Housing Corporation" in each place where they occur there shall be substituted "Corporation"
- C3** Act modified by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985 \(c. 71, SIF 61\), s. 5\(2\), Sch. 4 para. 3\(5\)](#)  
Act modified (1.10.1997) by [1996 c. 27, s. 30\(4\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 9 paras. 8-10); [S.I. 1997/1892, art. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- C4** Act applied by [Housing Associations Act 1985 \(c. 69, SIF 61\), s. 34\(2\)](#)
- C5** Act applied by [Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(c. 8, SIF 123:1\), s. 157\(2\)](#)  
Act applied (1.4.1996 with application in relation only to energy conservation authorities whose areas are in England and 1.4.1997 for those in Wales) by [1995 c. 10, s. 1\(2\)\(a\); S.I. 1995/3340, arts. 2\(1\), 3; S.I. 1996/3181, arts. 2, 3](#)  
Act applied (1.10.1996) by [1996 c. 52, s. 217\(3\)\(a\); S.I. 1996/2402, art. 3](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in Sch.)

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- C6** Act: definition of "local authority" applied (30.11.1991) by Coal Mining Subsidence Act 1991 (c. 45, S.I.F. 86), ss. 14(1)(a), 23(1), Sch. 5 para.1 (with s. 37(4), Sch. 7); S.I. 1991/2508, art. 2
- C7** Act restricted (26.7.1993) by 1993 c. 23, s. 4(5), Sch. 1 para. 6(1)(a) (with Sch. 1 para. 8); S.I. 1993/1655, art. 2.
- C8** Act to be construed with 1996 c. 52 Pt. VII (20.1.1997) by 1996 c. 52, s. 216(1); S.I. 1996/2959, art. 2 (subject to transitional provision in Sch. para. 1)
- C9** Act: certain functions of a Minister of the Crown transferred to the National Assembly for Wales (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, art. 2, Sch. 1(as amended (28.3.2003) by S.I. 2003/940, art. 3)
- C10** Act modified (1.12.2008) by The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/3002), arts. 1(2)(3), 7 (with Sch. 2); S.I. 2008/3068, arts. 1(2), 2(1)(b) (with arts. 6-13)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172](#) Regulations

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- s. 81A-81D and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 4](#) (This provision is amended by 2021 c. 7, ss. 79(3), 90(6); S.I 2021/1038, reg. 3(c))
- s. 81B(1)(b) words inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 81B(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 81B(2C) words substituted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 81B(2C) words substituted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 81B(2D) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 82(A1)(A2) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 119\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 82A(4A)(4B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 86(1A)(1B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 86(1C) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 2](#)
- s. 86A-86F and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 11](#)
- s. 86G s. 86A renumbered as s. 86G by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 86G(8) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 88(1)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 4](#)
- s. 89(2A)-(2D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 97(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 99A(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 305(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 68\(b\)](#)
- s. 306(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 69\(b\)](#)
- s. 353A inserted by [1996 c. 52 s. 73\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 73 repealed (6.4.2006 for E., 16.6.2006 for W.) by 2004 c. 34, Sch. 16; S.I. 2006/1060, art. 2(1)(e), Sch.; S.I. 2006/1535, art. 2(c), Sch.)
- s. 582(6)(aa)-(ac) substituted for s. 582(6)(a) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(3)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(6A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(d\)](#)