



Care Standards Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 14

PART II

ESTABLISHMENTS AND AGENCIES

Offences

26 False descriptions of establishments and agencies.

- (1) A person who, with intent to deceive any person—
 - (a) applies any name to premises in England or Wales; or
 - (b) in any way describes such premises or holds such premises out, so as to indicate, or reasonably be understood to indicate, that the premises are an establishment, or an agency, of a particular description shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale unless registration has been effected under this Part in respect of the premises as an establishment or agency of that description.
- [^{F1}(1A) If a person's registration under this Part has been suspended, the registration is to be treated for the purposes of subsection (1) as if it had not been effected.]
- (2) References to premises in subsection (1) shall be taken to include references to an undertaking or organisation.
- (3) No person shall, with intent to deceive any person, in any way describe or hold out an establishment or agency as able to provide any service or do any thing the provision or doing of which would contravene a condition for the time being in force by virtue of this Part in respect of the establishment or agency.
- (4) A person who contravenes subsection (3) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 26(1A) inserted (1.4.2009) by [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(c. 14\)](#), ss. 166, 170(3), **Sch. 5 para. 23**; S.I. 2009/462, **art. 2**, Sch. 1 para. 35

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 26 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2013) by [The Residential Holiday Schemes for Disabled Children \(England\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1394\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 7 para. 13** (with reg. 1(2))
- C2** S. 26 applied in part (with modifications) (28.10.2023) by [The Supported Accommodation \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/416\)](#), regs. 1(3), 43(2), **Sch. 5** (with reg. 44)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 26 partly in force; s. 26 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 122; s. 26 in force for E. at 1.4.2002 by [S.I. 2001/3852](#), arts. 1(4), 3(2)(7)(f) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 1](#) and with transitional provisions in [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2001/4150](#), 2002/1493, 2002/1790, 2002/2001, 2002/3210); s. 26 in force for W. for certain purposes at 1.4.2002 by [S.I. 2002/920](#), arts. 1(4), **3(3)** (subject to [art. 3\(4\)\(5\)](#) and to transitional provisions in [Schs. 1-3](#)); s. 26 in force for W. for certain purposes at 30.1.2003 by [S.I. 2003/152](#), **art. 2**; s. 26 in force for W. for certain purposes at 2.10.2003 by [S.I. 2003/2528](#), **art. 2**; s. 26 in force for W. for certain purposes at 1.4.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1015](#), **art. 2**; s. 26 in force for W. for certain purposes at 7.4.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1730](#), **art. 2**

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

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

- s. 5(1)(a)(iii) words substituted by [2008 c. 23 s. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 8A inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 13\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2B para. 11 inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 13\(3\)](#)