

*These notes refer to the Homelessness Act 2002 (c.7)
which received Royal Assent on 26th February 2002*

HOMELESSNESS ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

Other functions relating to homelessness

11. The Act provides for:
 - the abolition of the two year limitation of the period during which a housing authority had been subject to the main homelessness duty;
 - abolition of the duty on housing authorities to consider whether other suitable accommodation is available before they can secure accommodation themselves;
 - additional circumstances in which the applicant can bring the main homelessness duty to an end by accepting an assured tenancy; and
 - a new power for authorities to secure accommodation for unintentionally homeless applicants who do not have priority need.