



Immigration Act 2014

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PART 3

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27 Eligibility period

- (1) An eligibility period in relation to a limited right occupier is established if the prescribed requirements are complied with in relation to the occupier.
- (2) An eligibility period established under subsection (1) may be renewed (on one or more occasions) by complying with the prescribed requirements again.
- (3) But an eligibility period in relation to a limited right occupier is only established or renewed under this section at any time if it reasonably appears from the information obtained in complying with the prescribed requirements at that time that the occupier is a person with a limited right to rent.
- (4) The length of an eligibility period established or renewed under this section in relation to a limited right occupier is the longest of the following periods—
 - (a) the period of one year beginning with the time when the prescribed requirements were last complied with in relation to the occupier;
 - (b) so much of any leave period as remains at that time;
 - (c) so much of any validity period as remains at that time.
- (5) In subsection (4)—

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“leave period” means a period for which the limited right occupier was granted leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom;

“validity period” means the period for which an immigration document issued to the limited right occupier by or on behalf of the Secretary of State is valid.

(6) In subsection (5) “immigration document” means a document of a prescribed description which—

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(b) grants to the holder a right to enter or remain in the United Kingdom for such period as the document may authorise.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 27(6)(a) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Act 2020 \(Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1309\)](#), regs. 1(2), **20(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 27 applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by [The Citizens' Rights \(Application Deadline and Temporary Protection\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1209\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(4)**, 4(5), 12(1)(o)

Commencement Information

I1 S. 27 in force at 1.12.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/2771](#), **art. 6(1)(h)**

I2 S. 27 in force at 1.2.2016 for E. in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2016/11](#), **art. 2(h)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 27(6)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 21\(3\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 21(2)(3) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2014/2771 by [S.I. 2015/371 art. 78](#)
- specified provision(s) savings for earlier commencing SI 2014/2771 by [S.I. 2014/2928 art. 2](#) (Amendment already reflected in Appended Commentary in EXTOES for 2014 SI2771.)

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. 21(4A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 21\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 21(2)(3) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- s. 27(7) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 21\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 21(2)(3) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- s. 70A(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 21\(7\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 21(7) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- Sch. 3 para. 8A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 16](#)