



Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 17

1 Registers of persons seeking to acquire land to build a home

[^{F1}(A1) In this Act “self-build and custom housebuilding” means the building or completion by—

- (a) individuals,
- (b) associations of individuals, or
- (c) persons working with or for individuals or associations of individuals, of houses to be occupied as homes by those individuals.

(A2) But it does not include the building of a house on a plot acquired from a person who builds the house wholly or mainly to plans or specifications decided or offered by that person.]

(1) Each relevant authority must keep a register of—

- (a) individuals, and
- (b) associations of individuals ^{F2}... ,

who are seeking to acquire serviced plots of land in the authority's area [^{F3}for their own self-build and custom housebuilding].

(2) Each relevant authority must publicise its register under this section.

(3) Relevant authorities are—

- (a) district councils;
- (b) county councils in England so far as they are councils for an area for which there are no district councils;
- (c) London borough councils;
- (d) the Common Council of the City of London;
- (e) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

(4) The Broads Authority is the relevant authority for the whole of its area, to the exclusion of any authority mentioned in subsection (3).

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(5) A National Park authority in England is the relevant authority for the whole of its area, to the exclusion of any authority mentioned in subsection (3).

(6) Regulations may—

- (a) provide for specified public authorities, or specified descriptions of public authorities, to be relevant authorities for specified areas in England, and
- (b) provide for such an authority to be the relevant authority for its area to the exclusion of any other authority.

[^{F4}(6A) In this section—

“association of individuals” includes a body corporate that exercises functions on behalf of an association of individuals;

“completion” does not include anything that falls outside the definition of “building operations” in section 55(1A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;

“home”, in relation to an individual, means the individual's sole or main residence.]

(7) For the purposes of this section the area of the Common Council includes the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple.

(8) The Schedule makes provision in relation to registers under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(A1)(A2) inserted (31.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 9(1)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, **reg. 5**
- F2** Words in s. 1(1) omitted (31.10.2016) by virtue of [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 9(2)(a)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, **reg. 5**
- F3** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (31.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 9(2)(b)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, **reg. 5**
- F4** S. 1(6A) inserted (31.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 9(3)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, **reg. 5**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 in force at 1.4.2016 by [S.I. 2016/113](#), **reg. 2**

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