

Housing and Planning Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 22

PART 5

HOUSING, ESTATE AGENTS AND RENTCHARGES: OTHER CHANGES

Administration charges

131 Limitation of administration charges: costs of proceedings

In Schedule 11 to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 (administration charges), after paragraph 5 insert—

"Limitation of administration charges: costs of proceedings

- 5A (1) A tenant of a dwelling in England may apply to the relevant court or tribunal for an order reducing or extinguishing the tenant's liability to pay a particular administration charge in respect of litigation costs.
 - (2) The relevant court or tribunal may make whatever order on the application it considers to be just and equitable.
 - (3) In this paragraph—
 - (a) "litigation costs" means costs incurred, or to be incurred, by the landlord in connection with proceedings of a kind mentioned in the table, and
 - (b) "the relevant court or tribunal" means the court or tribunal mentioned in the table in relation to those proceedings.

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First-tier Tribunal proceedings	The First-tier Tribunal
Upper Tribunal proceedings	The Upper Tribunal
Arbitration proceedings	The arbitral tribunal or, if the application is made after the proceedings are concluded, the county court."