



# House Purchase and Housing Act 1959

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## PART I

### LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF HOUSES

#### **2 Exchequer advances to building societies.**

- (1) Any advance made to a building society under this Act shall be repayable to the Minister at such times and by such methods, and interest thereon shall be payable at such rates and at such times, as the Minister may with the approval of the Treasury direct.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section—
  - (a) such advances made to any building society in respect of any financial year shall not exceed the amounts advanced in that year by the society to its members for the purchase or improvement of houses in the United Kingdom satisfying the following conditions, that is to say, that each house was completed before the year nineteen hundred and nineteen and that its estimated value does not exceed two thousand five hundred pounds, or in the Metropolitan Police District or the City of London, three thousand pounds;
  - (b) such an advance shall not be made to a building society if the amount thereof, together with the amount outstanding in respect of any such advances previously made to the society, would exceed one-fifth of the amount outstanding in respect of any funds raised by the society by other means.
- (3) The Minister may by order vary the conditions specified in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section or the fraction specified in paragraph (b) of that subsection.
- (4) Advances made to building societies under this Act shall not together exceed the sum of one hundred million pounds.
- (5) The Treasury may issue to the Minister, out of the [<sup>F1</sup>National Loans Fund], such sums as are necessary to enable him to make such advances . . . <sup>F2</sup>.

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- (6) Any sums received by the Minister under subsection (1) of this section shall be paid into the [<sup>F1</sup>National Loans Fund] . . . <sup>F2</sup>.
- (7) The Minister shall, as respects each financial year, prepare in such form and manner as the Treasury may direct an account of sums issued to him for advances under this Act and of sums received by him under subsection (1) of this section and of the disposal by him of those sums respectively, and send it to the Comptroller and Auditor General not later than the end of November following the year; and the Comptroller and Auditor General shall examine, certify and report on the account and lay copies of it, together with his report, before each House of Parliament.
- (8) The reference in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section to the estimated value of a house shall be construed, in relation to a house in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, as a reference to the estimated value of its fee simple in possession free from incumbrances and, in relation to a house in Scotland, as a reference to the estimated value of the house subject to feu duty, ground annual or other burden incident to tenure but free from other incumbrances.

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words substituted by [National Loans Act 1968 \(c. 13\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

**F2** Words repealed by [National Loans Act 1968 \(c. 13\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#) except in relation to money borrowed before 1.4.1968 or requirements as respects accounts or statements for year ending 31.3.1968 or any earlier year.

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