

*These notes refer to the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (c.7)
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HOUSING (WALES) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 Homelessness

Section 83 – Cases referred from a local housing authority in England

166. Where a case is referred to a local housing authority in Wales by a local housing authority in England under section 198 (1) of the Housing Act 1996 and the referral is accepted, the applicant is owed the same duties as if the applicant had applied in Wales. These are the interim duty to accommodate an applicant who is in priority need (section 68) and the duty to help to secure accommodation for homeless applicants (section 73). Subsection (3) provides that the definition of “applicant” in Chapter 2 includes such a person; this is to ensure that the other provisions apply to them as they apply to Welsh applicants. This will include, for example and where appropriate, section 75 (duty to secure accommodation etc.) and the provisions about review of decisions under sections 85 to 89.