

*These notes refer to the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2: Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation**

##### ***Section 7: Requirement for HMOs to be licensed***

Section 7 requires every house in multiple occupation that is not exempted to be licensed. A licence for an HMO authorises its holder and any agent named on the licence to allow the HMO to be occupied in accordance with the licence conditions. The section also sets out that licences are to be issued by district councils for houses in their area, and the information which must be specified in a licence.