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## SCHEDULES

#### SCHEDULE 2

Article 25 (1).

#### TENANCIES WHICH ARE NOT SECURE TENANCIES

#### Long leases

## 1. [<sup>F1</sup>

(1) A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if—

- (a) it is a tenancy granted for a term certain exceeding 21 years, whether or not it is (or may become) terminable before the end of that term by notice given by the tenant or by reentry or forfeiture; or
- (b) it is a tenancy created by an equity-sharing lease within the meaning of Article 31 (6) of the principal Order.

[<sup>F2</sup>[

<sup>F1</sup>(2)] For the purposes of this paragraph a tenancy granted in pursuance of Chapter 1 of Part II of this Order is a long lease notwithstanding that it is granted for a term not exceeding 21 years.]

F12003 NI 2F21986 NI 13

## [<sup>F3</sup>Introductory tenancies

**F3** 2003 NI 2

#### [

<sup>F4</sup>**1A.** A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if it is an introductory tenancy or a tenancy which has ceased to be an introductory tenancy—

- (a) by virtue of Article 15(3) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (disposal on death to non-qualifying person), or
- (b) by virtue of the tenant, or in the case of a joint tenancy every tenant, ceasing to occupy the dwelling-house as his only or principal home.]]

#### **F4** 2003 NI 2

Premises occupied under contract of employment

**2.**—(1) [<sup>F5</sup>Subject to sub-paragraph (3)] a tenancy is not a secure tenancy if the tenant is an employee of the landlord and his contract of service requires him to occupy the dwelling-house for the better performance of his duties.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) "contract of service" means a contract of service or apprenticeship, whether express or implied and (if express) whether oral or in writing.

[ $^{F5}(3)$  A tenancy under sub-paragraph (1) shall become a secure tenancy if the landlord notifies the tenant that the tenancy is to be regarded as a secure tenancy.]

**F5** 2003 NI 2

## Land acquired for development

**3.** A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if the dwelling-house is on land which has been acquired for development (within the meaning of [<sup>F6</sup>section 23 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011]) and the dwelling-house is used by the landlord, pending development of the land, as temporary housing accommodation.

F6 Words in Sch. 2 para. 3 substituted (13.2.2015 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation) by Planning Act (Northern-Ireland) 2011 (c. 25), s. 254(1)(2), Sch. 6 para. 46 (with s. 211); S.R. 2015/49, arts. 2, 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2) (as amended (16.3.2016) by S.R. 2016/159, art. 2)

 $I^{F^{7}}Accommodation for homeless persons$ 

**F7** 2003 NI 2

**3A.** A tenancy granted by the landlord in pursuance of any function of the Executive under Part II of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (housing the homeless) is not a secure tenancy unless the landlord has notified the tenant that the tenancy is to be regarded as a secure tenancy.]

## [<sup>F8</sup>Accommodation for asylum#seekers

**F8** 1999 c.33

**3A.**—(1) A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if it is granted in order to provide accommodation  $[^{F9}$ under section 4 or Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999].

(2) A tenancy mentioned in sub#paragraph (1) becomes a secure tenancy if the landlord notifies the tenant that it is to be reguarded as a secure tenancy.]

F9 Words in Sch. 2 para. 3A(1) substituted (16.6.2006) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), ss. 43(4)(b), 62; S.I. 2006/1497, art. 3, Sch.

F10

**F10** Sch. 2 para. 3B and cross-heading repealed (31.12.2020) by The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/745), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

### Temporary letting to person seeking accommodation

4. A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if the dwelling-house is let by the landlord expressly on a temporary basis to a person moving into an area to take up employment there, and for the purpose of enabling him to seek accommodation in the area.

### Short-term arrangements

- 5. A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if—
  - (a) the dwelling-house has been leased to the landlord with vacant possession for use as temporary housing accommodation;
  - (b) the terms on which it has been leased include provision for the lessor to obtain vacant possession from the landlord on the expiry of a specified period or when required by the lessor;
  - (c) the lessor is not a body which is capable of granting secure tenancies; and
  - (d) the landlord has no interest in the dwelling-house other than under the lease in question or as mortgagee.

#### Temporary accommodation during works

- 6. A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if—
  - (a) the dwelling-house has been made available for occupation by the tenant[<sup>F11</sup> (or a predecessor in title of his)] while works are carried out on the dwelling-house which he previously occupied as his home; and
  - (b) the tenant[<sup>F11</sup> or predecessor] was not a secure tenant of that other dwelling-house at the time when he ceased to occupy it as his home.

**F11** 1986 NI 13

### Licensed premises

7. A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if the dwelling-house consists of or comprises premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises.

#### **Business tenancies**

**8.** A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if it is one to which [<sup>F12</sup> the Business Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 1996] applies.

**F12** 1996 NI 5

# [<sup>F13</sup>Defective dwelling#houses

**F13** 1986 NI 13

9. A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if—

- (a) the tenant became a tenant of the landlord by virtue of the landlord's acquisition of an interest in the dwelling#house under Part II of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1986; and
- (b) the tenant is not entitled to be granted a secure tenancy under paragraph (2) or (3) of Article 11 of that Order.]

### [<sup>F14</sup>Qualifying shorthold tenancies

F14 2003 NI 2

10.—(1) A tenancy is not a secure tenancy if it is a qualifying shorthold tenancy within the meaning of sub-paragraph (2).

(2) A tenancy which is granted—

- (a) after the coming into operation of Article 134 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003; and
- (b) for a term certain of not less than one year and not more than 5 years,

is a qualifying shorthold tenancy if and so long as-

- (i) the estate of the landlord belongs to a registered housing association; and
- (ii) the tenancy satisfies such other requirements or conditions as may be prescribed.]

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