
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1988 No. 1990

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988

PART II

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

Main definitions

Becoming homeless intentionally

6.—(1) A person becomes homeless intentionally if he deliberately does or fails to do anything in consequence of which he ceases to occupy accommodation, whether in Northern Ireland or elsewhere, which is available for his occupation and which it would have been reasonable for him to continue to occupy.

(2) A person becomes threatened with homelessness intentionally if he deliberately does or fails to do anything the likely result of which is that he will be forced to leave accommodation which is available for his occupation and which it would have been reasonable for him to continue to occupy.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1) or (2) an act or omission in good faith on the part of a person who was unaware of any relevant fact shall not be treated as deliberate.

[^{F1}(3A) A person shall be treated as becoming homeless intentionally, or as becoming threatened with homelessness intentionally, if—

- (a) he enters into an arrangement under which he is required to cease to occupy accommodation which it would be reasonable for him to continue to occupy, and
- (b) the purpose of the arrangement is to enable him to become entitled to assistance under this Part,

and there is no other good reason why he is homeless.]

(4) Regard may be had, in determining whether it would have been reasonable for a person to continue to occupy accommodation, to the general circumstances prevailing in relation to housing in Northern Ireland.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988, Section 6.