

# Housing Act 1974

## **CHAPTER 44**

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## SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Amendments to Constitution Etc. of Housing Corporation

- 1 In sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to...
- 2 At the end of the said paragraph 2 there shall...
- 3 In paragraph 5 of that Schedule after the words "...
- 4 At the end of paragraph 5 of that Schedule there...

SCHEDULE 2 — Grant-Aided Land

- 2 The payments referred to in paragraph 1(a) above are payments—...
- 3 The loans referred to in paragraph 1(b) above are—

SCHEDULE 3 — Housing Association Tenancies

- PART I INTERIM PROTECTION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS
- 1 (1) The provisions of this Part of this Schedule apply...
- 2 (1) In this paragraph " the occupier", in relation to...
- 3 (1) If at any time before the operative date the...
- 4 (1) In this Part of this Schedule " the court...
- PART II APPLICATION OF RENT ACT 1968
- 5 (1) The provisions of this paragraph apply on and after...
- 6 (1) If, in a case where either a tenancy becomes...
- 7 (1) This paragraph applies for the purposes of the application...
- 8 (1) The provisions of this paragraph apply where—
- 9 (1) This paragraph shall have effect with respect to the...
- 10 In the application of section 25 of the Rent Act...
- 11 In the application of section 46 of the Rent Act...
- 12 In this Part of this Schedule "the 1972 Act" means...
  - PART III APPLICATION OF RENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1971
- 13 (1) The provisions of this paragraph apply on and after...
- 14 (1) This paragraph applies to— (a) a tenancy which becomes...
- 15 The sheriff shall have jurisdiction, either in the course of...
- 16 In this Part of this Schedule— " the 1971 Act...

## SCHEDULE 4 — Notification Procedure

- 1 Where, by virtue of the principal section, a person is...
- 2 (1) Every such notification shall contain— (a) the name and...
- 3 (1) A notification given in compliance with subsection (1) or...
- 4 A notification given in compliance with subsection (3) of the...
- 5 In this Schedule " the principal section " means section...

SCHEDULE 5 — General Improvement Areas

- PART I SECTIONS TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR HOUSING ACT 1969, SECTION 28
- PART II OTHER AMENDMENTS OF PART II OF HOUSING ACT 1969
- 1 After section 29 of the Housing Act 1969 there shall...
- 2 (1) In section 30 of that Act (changes with respect...
- 3 In section 32 of that Act (general powers exercisable by...
- 4 (1) After subsection (5) of section 37 of that Act...
- 5 In subsection (2) of section 40 of that Act (in...

SCHEDULE 6 — Standard Amenities

- PART I LIST OF AMENITIES AND MAXIMUM ELIGIBLE AMOUNTS
- PART II PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN AMENITIES
- 1 Except as provided by paragraph 2 below, a fixed bath...
- 2 If it is not reasonably practicable for the fixed bath...
- 3 The water closet must, if reasonably practicable, be in, and...

SCHEDULE 7 — Lodging-houses and Hostels : Amendments of Schedule 1 to Housing Finance Act 1972

- 1 In Part I (credits and debits) in paragraph 1(1)(a) after...
- 2 In Part II (rate fund contributions to the Housing Revenue...

3 In Part III (limitation of certain subsidies and rate fund...

SCHEDULE 8 — Reduction of Rateable Value in Case of Certain Improvements 1 (1) Where the tenant, or any previous tenant, has made...

- 2 (1) The amount of any such reduction may at any...
- 3 (1) Where, after the service of a notice under paragraph...

SCHEDULE 9 — Provisions to be Substituted for Subsection (1) of Section 60 of the Housing Act 1957

SCHEDULE 10 — Rehabilitation Orders

## General

- 1 (1) A rehabilitation order may, in addition to applying to...
- 2 (1) A local authority shall not make a rehabilitation order...
- 3 (1) This paragraph shall have effect in relation to any...

## Procedure for making and confirming rehabilitation orders

- 4 A rehabilitation order shall be made in the prescribed form...
- 5 (1) Before submitting the rehabilitation order to the Secretary of...
- 6 (1) If no objection is duly made by any of...
- 7 (1) The provisions of Schedule 4 to the Act of...
- 8 (1) In this Schedule " prescribed " means prescribed by...

SCHEDULE 11 — Option Mortgages: Amendments of Part II of Housing Subsidies Act 1967

- 1 (1) In section 24 (right to opt for subsidy for...
- 2 After section 24 there shall be inserted the following sections:—...
- 3 (1) In section 26 (extension of right to opt for...
- 4 In subsection (1) of section 27 (qualifying lenders) at the...
- 5 (1) In paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 28...
- 6 After section 28 there shall be inserted the following section:—...
- 7 At the end of section 32(1) (interpretation) there shall be...

SCHEDULE 12 — Service Charges: Amendments of Sections 90 and 91 of Housing Finance Act 1972

- 1 After section 90(1) there shall be inserted:—
- 2 After section 90(10) there shall be inserted:—
- 3 In section 90(12):— (a) in the definition of " landlord...
- 4 After section 90(12) there shall be inserted:—
- 5 Paragraph 2 above shall not have effect in relation to...

SCHEDULE 13 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

## The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

1 In the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907, after section 38...

## The Magistrates' Courts Act 1952

2 In Schedule 1 to the Magistrates' Courts Act 1952 (indictable...

## The Housing Act 1957

- 3 In section 70 of the Housing Act 1957 (provisions as...
- 4 In section 105 of that Act (local authority's powers of...
- 5 Section 121 of that Act (arrangements with housing associations for...
- 6 In section 189(1) of that Act, in the definition of...
- 7 In Schedule 2 to that Act (payments in respect of...

#### The Land Compensation Act 1961

8 (1) In Schedule 2 to the Land Compensation Act 1961...

#### The Landlord and Tenant Act 1962

9 At the end of section 6 of the Landlord and...

## The Housing Act 1964

10 (1) In section 5(1) of the Housing Act 1964 (schemes...

## The Housing (Slum Clearance Compensation) Act 1965

11 In section 2 of the Housing (Slum Clearance Compensation) Act...

## The Housing (Scotland) Act 1966

- 12 In section 135 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1966, the...
- 13 Sections 153 to 155 and 159 of the Housing (Scotland)...
- 14 In section. 175 of that Act (compulsory purchase of land...
- 15 In section 208(1) of that Act, in the definition of...

#### The Rent Act 1968

- 16 In section 5(6) of the Rent Act 1968 (conditions for...
- 17 (1) la section 57 of that Act (grant-aided improvements, etc.)...

#### The Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968

18 (1) Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing (Financial Provisions)...

#### The Housing Act 1969

- 19 In section 69 of the Housing Act 1969 (repayment of...
- 20 (1) In section 75 of that Act (power of local...
- 21 In Schedule 5 to that Act (payments to owner-occupiers and...

#### The Rent (Scotland) Act 1971

22 In section 5(5) of the Rent (Scotland) Act 1971 (conditions...

#### The Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972

(1) In section 23(3)(a) of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland)...

## The Housing Finance Act 1972

- 24 In the Housing Finance Act 1972 (in this Schedule referred...
- 25 (1) In section 28 of the 1972 Act (application for...

- 26 (1) In section 33 of the 1972 Act (if one...
- 27 In section 34(3) of the 1972 Act (definitions for purposes...
- 28 In section 38(2) of the 1972 Act (section 25(1) of...
- 29 In section 45 of the 1972 Act (protection of tenant...
- 30 In section 72 of the 1972 Act (the basic residual...
- 31 In section 73 of the 1972 Act (the special residual...
- 32 In sections 74(1) and 75(12) of the 1972 Act (power...
- 33 (1) In subsection (2) of section 82 of the 1972...
- 34 After subsection (3) of section 83 of the 1972 Act...
- 35 (1) In section 91(1) of the 1972 Act (exceptions from...
- 36 In Schedule 1 to the 1972 Act (the Housing Revenue...
- 37 In Schedule 6 to the 1972 Act (restriction on rent...

#### The Land Compensation Act 1973

- 38 (1) In the Land Compensation Act 1973 (in this Schedule...
- 39 (1) In section 37 of the 1973 Act (disturbance payments...
- 40 (1) In section 39 of the 1973 Act (duty to...
- 41 (1) In section 43 of the 1973 Act (power to...

#### The Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973

- 42 (1) In section 27 of the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act...
- 43 (1) In section 34 of that Act (disturbance payments for...
- 44 (1) In section 36 of that Act (duty to rehouse...
- 45 (1) In section 40 of that Act (power to defray...

## Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

46 (1) Section 131(3) shall cease to have effect.

SCHEDULE 14 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

#### Transitional provisions

- 1 Notwithstanding the repeals effected by this Act, in any case...
- 2 In any case where—(a) before the operative date, the...
- 3 Before the operative date, sections 36(4)(d) and 74(3) of this...
- 4 (1) Without prejudice to section 99(2)(d) of this Act, no...

#### Savings

- 5 (1) The repeal by this Act of sections 17 to...
- 6 Subject to section 35(7) of this Act, the repeal by...
- 7 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the repeal by this...

SCHEDULE 15 — Enactments Repealed