



# Rent Act 1977

## CHAPTER 42

### RENT ACT 1977

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- 8 .....
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- 4 (1) Where, in response to a notice served by the...
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- 4 (1) Where no such certificate as is mentioned in paragraph...

- 5 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 4 above, the relevant...

- 6 Accommodation shall not be deemed to be suitable to the...

- 7 Any document purporting to be a certificate of a local...

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- 3 (1) The accommodation must be reasonably suitable to the needs...
- 4 Accommodation shall not be deemed to be suitable to the...
- 5 Any document purporting to be a certificate of the local...
- 6 In this Case no account shall be taken of accommodation...
- 7 In this Case and in Case II below “ the...

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*Alternative accommodation provided or arranged by housing authority*

- 1 The local housing authority have made an offer in writing...
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- 3 (1) The accommodation offered must in the opinion of the...
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- 3—4 .....
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- 6 Section 70 of this Act shall apply in relation to...
- 7 None of the enactments mentioned in section 18A of this...
- 8 Any court order in any proceedings to which paragraph 7...
- 9 Any right conferred on a tenant by section 38 of,...
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  - 2 In a case where this Part of this Schedule applies,...
  - 3 (1) If, although the registered rent is higher than the...
  - 4 Where any rates in respect of the dwelling-house are borne...
  - 5 (1) Any reference in this Part of this Schedule to...
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  - 7 (1) The fraction is X Y where X is the...
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*Steps mentioned in certain notices under the Fire Precautions Act 1971 to count as improvements for certain purposes of this Act*

- 1 (1) This paragraph applies where a dwelling which is the...
- 2 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a dwelling-house consisting...

*Cases where rent is increased by virtue of section 28(3)(b) of the Act of 1971*

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies where, in the case of any...
- 4 .....

*Interpretation*

- 5 In this Schedule— “contractual period” means a rental period of...

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- 3 In section 15 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 4 In section 16 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 5 In section 17 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 6 In section 18(1) of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 7 In section 19 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 8 In section 20 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 9 In section 22 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 10 In section 23 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...
- 11 .....

*Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (c. 56)*

- 12 In section 2(5) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954...
- 13 In section 2 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954,...
- 14 In section 10(2) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954,...
- 15 In section 12(1)(b) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954...
- 16 In section 22(1) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954,...
- 17 In section 40(5) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954,...
- 18 In section 43(1)(c) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954,...
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- 20 In Schedule 3 to the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954,...
- 21 .....
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- 31—36 .....
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*Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (c. 88)*

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- 43 In section 16(1)(d) of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, for...
- 44 In section 37(6) of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, for...
- 45 In Schedule 2 to the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, in...
- 46 In Schedule 5 to the Leasehold Reform Act 1967—
- 47, 48 .....

*Fire Precautions Act 1971 (c. 40)*

- 49 In section 28 of the Fire Precautions Act 1971—
- 50 In section 34 of the Fire Precautions Act 1971, for...

*Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (c. 56)*

- 51 In Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, in...
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- 55 .....
- 56, 57 .....

*Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1972 (c. 62)*

- 58 In section 24 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1972,...
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*Rent Act 1974 (c. 51)*

- 67 In section 17(6) of the Rent Act 1974, for the...
- 68 In Schedule 1 to the Rent Act 1974—
- 69, 70 .....
- 71 .....

*Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976 (c. 80)*

- 72 In section 4(5) of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, for...
- 73 In section 5 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976—
- 74 In section 9 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976—
- 75 In section 13 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976—
- 76 In section 15(4) of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, for...
- 77 In sections 19, 27(2) and 33(3), and in the definition...
- 78 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Rent (Agriculture)...
- 79 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Rent (Agriculture)...
- 80 For paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Rent (Agriculture)...
- 81 In paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Rent (Agriculture)...
- 82 In Schedule 4 to the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976—
- 83 In Schedule 5 to the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, in...
- 84 In Schedule 6 to the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976—

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### *General transitional provisions*

- 1 (1) In so far as anything done, or having effect...

#### *Existing statutory tenants*

- 2 (1) If, immediately before the commencement of this Act, a...  
3 (1) A person who, at any time before the commencement...  
4 A statutory tenancy subsisting at the commencement of this Act...

#### *Tenancies which ended before passing of Counter-Inflation Act 1973 (c. 9)*

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies where the tenancy of a dwelling-house...

#### *Protected furnished tenancies*

- 6 (1) In any case where— (a) before 14th August 1974...  
7 (1) This paragraph applies where the tenancy of a dwelling-house...  
8 (1) Where, immediately before the commencement of this Act, a...

#### *Regulated tenancies of formerly requisitioned houses*

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a regulated tenancy...

#### *Miscellaneous*

- 10 Any registration of a rent under Part IV of the...  
11 In the case of a registration of a rent before...  
12 Where, by virtue of section 1(1)(b) of the Rent Act...  
13 If, immediately before the commencement of this Act, a person's...  
14 If, immediately before the commencement of this Act, a person's...  
15 In relation to any time before 1st January 1960, paragraph...  
16 Sections 44(1), 45(2), 57 and 72(7) of this Act shall...  
17 If, immediately before the revocation of regulation 68CB of the...  
18 Section 54 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 9 to,...  
19 (1) Until such time as the provisions mentioned in sub-paragraph...  
20 For the purposes of paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 9 to...  
21 Subject to the provisions of this Act, any reference in...

#### *Transitional provisions from Rent Act 1957*

- 22 If the rent recoverable under a controlled tenancy for any...  
23 If, immediately before the commencement of this Act, an agreement...  
24 (1) If, immediately before the commencement of this Act, the...  
25 (1) If, immediately before the commencement of this Act, a...  
26 Where any increase in the rent recoverable under a controlled...

#### *Savings*

- 27 (1) Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of the Rent...  
28 (1) Section 47 of the Housing Act 1969 (first registration...  
29 Subsections (2) and (5) of section 48 of this Act...  
30 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of the Rent Act...  
31 Any registration of a rent made before the commencement of...  
32 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of paragraphs 20 to...

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Rent Act 1977 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.