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- 4 A person who becomes the statutory tenant of a dwelling-house...
- 5 If, immediately before his death, the first successor was still...
- 6 (1) Where a person who— (a) was a member of...
- 9 Paragraphs 5 to 8 above do not apply where the...
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 - 5 For the purposes of section 12, a person shall be...

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- 2 In this Schedule "the relevant rating period", in relation to...
- 3 The amount of the rates for any rental period which...
- 4 (1) On the making, by the authority levying the rates,...
- 5 If, as a result of the settlement of a proposal,...
- 6 In computing the rates for any rental period for the...

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- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to a contractual period the rent...

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	Case 1 Where any rent lawfully due from the tenant has not
	Case 2

Case 3

Where the condition of the dwelling-house has, in the opinion...

Where the tenant or any person residing or lodging with...

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Where the condition of any furniture provided for use under...

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Where a person (in this Case referred to as "the...

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Where the dwelling-house is let under a tenancy for a...

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Where the dwelling-house is held for the purpose of being...

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Where the dwelling-house was at any time occupied by a...

Case 17

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Case 18

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Case 19

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Provision for Part II

- 2 Any reference in Part II of this Schedule to the...
 - Part IV SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION
- 3 For the purposes of section 98(1)(a) of this Act, a...
- 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...

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- 7 Any document purporting to be a certificate of a local...
- 8 In this Part "local housing authority" and "...

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- 2 The conditions referred to in Paragraph (c) in each of...

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— CASE I

Alternative accommodation not provided or arranged by housing authority

- 1 The court is satisfied that suitable alternative accommodation is available...
- 2 Accommodation shall be deemed suitable in this Case if it...
- 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...

— CASE II

Alternative accommodation provided or arranged by housing authority

- 1 The local housing authority have made an offer in writing...
- 2 The landlord shows that the tenant accepted the offer (by...
- 3 (1) The accommodation offered must in the opinion of the...
- 4 If the accommodation offered is available for a limited period...

SCHEDULE 17 — Converted Tenancies: Modification of Act

- 1 In this Schedule— "converted tenancy" means a tenancy which has...
- 2 In relation to any rental period beginning after the conversion,...
- - 5 Section 5(1) of this Act shall not apply to the...
 - 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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- 1 (1) This Part of this Schedule applies where—
- 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...

Part II — Premium Allowed under Sections 121 and 127

- 6 Where this Part of this Schedule applies to any tenancy...
- 7 (1) The fraction is X Y where X is the...
- 8 Where the tenancy was granted on the surrender of a...
- 9 For the purposes of paragraph 8 above, the surrender value...
- 10 In determining for the purposes of this Part of this...

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	SCHEDULE 20 — Modification of Act in Relation to Fire Precautions
	Steps mentioned in certain notices under the Fire Precautions Act 1971 to count as improvements for certain purposes of this Act
	 (1) This paragraph applies where a dwelling which is the (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 any4
	Interpretation
	5 In this Schedule— "contractual period" means a rental period of
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	Fire Precautions Act 1971 (c. 40)
49 50	In section 28 of the Fire Precautions Act 1971— In section 34 of the Fire Precautions Act 1971, for
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51 52—54 55 56, 57	In Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, in
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	Rent Act 1974 (c. 51)
67 68 69, 70 71	In section 17(6) of the Rent Act 1974, for the In Schedule 1 to the Rent Act 1974—
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72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80	In section 4(5) of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, for In section 5 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976— In section 9 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976— In section 13 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976— In section 15(4) of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, for In sections 19, 27(2) and 33(3), and in the definition In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Rent (Agriculture) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Rent (Agriculture) For paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Rent (Agriculture)

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- 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...
- 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...

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- 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...
- 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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