



# Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

## 1987 CHAPTER 26

### PART I

#### PROVISION OF HOUSING

##### *Management and allocation of local authority's houses*

#### **20 Persons to have priority on housing list and allocation of housing**

- (1) A local authority shall, in relation to all houses held by them for housing purposes, secure that in the selection of their tenants a reasonable preference is given—
- (a) to persons who—
    - (i) are occupying houses which do not meet the tolerable standard; or
    - (ii) are occupying overcrowded houses; or
    - (iii) have large families; or
    - (iv) are living under unsatisfactory housing conditions; and
  - (b) to persons to whom they have a duty under sections 31 to 34 (homeless persons).
- (2) In the allocation of local authority housing a local authority—
- (a) shall take no account of—
    - (i) the length of time for which an applicant has resided in its area; or
    - (ii) any outstanding liability (for payment of rent or otherwise) attributable to the tenancy of any house of which the applicant is not, and was not when the liability accrued, a tenant; or
    - (iii) any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of section 19(1); and
  - (b) shall not impose a requirement—
    - (i) that an application must have remained in force for a minimum period; or
    - (ii) that a divorce or judicial separation be obtained; or

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(iii) that the applicant no longer be living with, or in the same house as, some other person,  
before the applicant is eligible for the allocation of housing.