



Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 26

PART II

HOMELESS PERSONS

Duties of local authorities with respect to homelessness and threatened homelessness

28 Inquiry into cases of possible homelessness or threatened homelessness.

- (1) If a person (“an applicant”) applies to a local authority for accommodation, or for assistance in obtaining accommodation, and the authority have reason to believe that he may be homeless or threatened with homelessness, they shall make such inquiries as are necessary to satisfy themselves as to whether he is homeless or threatened with homelessness.
- (2) If the authority are so satisfied, they
 - [^{F1}(b) may, if they think fit, make any further inquiries necessary to satisfy themselves as to] whether he became homeless or threatened with homelessness intentionally;and if the authority think fit, they may also make inquiries as to whether he has a local connection with the district of another local authority in Scotland, England or Wales.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 28(2) substituted (7.11.2019) by [Homelessness etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(asp 10\), ss. 4\(1\), 14\(1\)](#); [S.S.I. 2019/316, art. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 28 extended (26.7.1993) by [1993 c. 23, s. 4\(5\), Sch. 1 para. 2](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 8](#)); [S.I. 1993/1655, art. 2](#).

Changes to legislation:

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987, Section 28 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 May 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.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 21(3)(i)s. 21(3)(ai)(ii) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(3\)\(c\)para. 13\(I\)-\(iii\)](#)
- s. 24(3)(f) and word(s) inserted by [2003 asp 10 s. 5\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 5 omitted (31.12.2012) without ever being in force by virtue of S.S.I. 2012/330, arts. 1, 13)
- s. 31(2C)(c) words substituted by [2004 asp 8 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- s. 61(2)(a)(ia) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(6\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 63(1A)-(61C) by [2001 asp 10 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 66(1)(vi)(vii) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 286(a)(c) by [2001 asp 10 Sch. 10 para. 13\(40\)\(a\)\(b\)](#)