



# Homelessness Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 7

### *Allocations under Part 6 of the Housing Act 1996*

#### **15 Applications for housing accommodation**

For section 166 (information about housing register) there is substituted—

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#### **166 Applications for housing accommodation**

- (1) A local housing authority shall secure that—
  - (a) advice and information is available free of charge to persons in their district about the right to make an application for an allocation of housing accommodation; and
  - (b) any necessary assistance in making such an application is available free of charge to persons in their district who are likely to have difficulty in doing so without assistance.
- (2) A local housing authority shall secure that an applicant for an allocation of housing accommodation is informed that he has the rights mentioned in section 167(4A).
- (3) Every application made to a local housing authority for an allocation of housing accommodation shall (if made in accordance with the procedural requirements of the authority’s allocation scheme) be considered by the authority.
- (4) The fact that a person is an applicant for an allocation of housing accommodation shall not be divulged (without his consent) to any other member of the public.
- (5) In this Part “district” in relation to a local housing authority has the same meaning as in the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68).”