



Housing Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 34

PART 6

OTHER PROVISIONS ABOUT HOUSING

CHAPTER 1

SECURE TENANCIES

Right to buy: when exercisable

180 Extension of qualifying period for right to buy

- (1) In section 119(1) of the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68) (qualifying period for right to buy) for “two” substitute “ five ”.
- (2) In subsection (2)(a) of section 129 of that Act (discount)—
 - (a) for “two” substitute “ five ”; and
 - (b) for “32 per cent” substitute “ 35 per cent ”.
- (3) In subsection (2)(b) of that section—
 - (a) for “two”, where it appears for the second time, substitute “ five ”; and
 - (b) for “44 per cent” substitute “ 50 per cent ”.
- (4) In subsection (2A)(b) of that section for “two” substitute “ five ”.
- (5) The amendments made by this section do not apply in relation to a secure tenancy—
 - (a) if the tenancy was entered into before, or in pursuance of an agreement made before, the day on which this section comes into force, or
 - (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply but the tenant is a public sector tenant on that day and does not cease to be such a tenant at any time before serving a notice in respect of the tenancy under section 122 of that Act.

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- (6) In subsection (5) “public sector tenant” has the same meaning as in Schedule 4 to that Act.

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

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

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

- s. 66(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 66(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 89(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 89(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 139(7A)(7B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 127\(3\)](#)