



Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 3

3 Prosecution of offences

- (1) Proceedings for an offence under section 1(1) or 2(1) may be brought within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to the prosecutor's knowledge.
- (2) But no such proceedings may be brought more than three years—
 - (a) after the commission of the offence, or
 - (b) in the case of continuous contravention, after the last date on which the offence was committed.
- (3) A certificate signed by the prosecutor and stating the date on which such evidence came to the prosecutor's knowledge is conclusive evidence of that fact; and a certificate to that effect and purporting to be so signed is to be treated as being so signed unless the contrary is proved.
- (4) Subsections (1) to (3) also apply in relation to an associated offence which is a summary offence (to the extent that they would not otherwise apply to that offence).
- (5) A local authority may prosecute an offence under section 1 or 2 in relation to a dwelling-house—
 - (a) whether or not the dwelling-house is or was let under a tenancy under which the local authority is or was the landlord, and
 - (b) whether or not the dwelling-house is located in the local authority's area.
- (6) Subsection (5) also applies in relation to an associated offence (to the extent that it would not otherwise apply to that offence).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 3 in force for E. at 15.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/2622](#), [art. 2](#)
- I2** S. 3 in force for W. at 5.11.2013 by [S.I. 2013/2861](#), [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013, Section 3.