



Building Safety Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 30

PART 4

HIGHER-RISK BUILDINGS

Registration and certificates

77 Occupation: registration requirement

- (1) The principal accountable person for a higher-risk building commits an offence if the building is occupied but not registered.
- (2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this section to prove that the person had a reasonable excuse for the building being occupied but not registered.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the maximum summary term for either-way offences or a fine (or both);
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine (or both);and (in either case) is liable on summary conviction to a further fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale for each day on which the default continues after the initial conviction.
- (4) In this section “registered” means registered under section 78.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 77 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see [s. 170\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- 12** S. 77 in force at 1.10.2023 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2023/993, reg. 2\(q\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Building Safety Act 2022, Section 77.