



# Housing (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 2

### HOMELESSNESS

#### CHAPTER 2

##### HELP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR THREATENED WITH HOMELESSNESS

###### *General*

#### **99 Interpretation of this Chapter and index of defined terms**

In this Chapter—

“abuse” (*“camdriniaeth”*) has the meaning given by section 58;

“accommodation available for occupation” (*“llety sydd ar gael i’w feddiannu”*) has the meaning given by section 56;

“applicant” (*“ceisydd”*) has the meaning given by section 62(3) and section 83(3);

“associated” (*“cysylltiedig”*), in relation to a person, has the meaning given by section 58;

“assured tenancy” (*“tenantiaeth sicr”*) and “assured shorthold tenancy” (*“tenantiaeth fyrddaliol sicr”*) have the meaning given by Part 1 of the Housing Act 1988;

“domestic abuse” (*“camdriniaeth ddomestig”*) has the meaning given by section 58;

“eligible for help” (*“yn gymwys i gael cymorth”*) means not excluded from help under this Chapter by Schedule 2;

“enactment” (*“deddfiad”*) means an enactment (whenever enacted or made) comprised in, or in an instrument made under—

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- (a) an Act of Parliament,
  - (b) a Measure or an Act of the National Assembly for Wales;
- “help to secure” (“*cynorthwyo i sicrhau*”), in relation to securing that suitable accommodation is available, or does not cease to be available, for occupation, has the meaning given by section 65;
- “help under this Chapter” (“*cynorth o dan y Bennod hon*”) means the benefit of any function under sections 66, 68, 73, or 75;
- “homeless” (“*digartref*”) has the meaning given by section 55 and “homelessness” (*digartrefedd*) is to be interpreted accordingly;
- “intentionally homeless” (“*digartref yn fwriadol*”) has the meaning given by section 77;
- “local connection” (“*cysylltiad lleol*”) has the meaning given by section 81;
- “local housing authority” (“*awdurdod tai lleol*”) means—
- (a) in relation to Wales, the council of a county or county borough, and
  - (b) in relation to England, a district council, a London borough council, the Common Council of the City of London or the Council of the Isles of Scilly,
- but a reference to a “local housing authority” is to be interpreted as a reference to a local housing authority for an area in Wales only, unless this Chapter expressly provides otherwise;
- “looked after, accommodated or fostered” (“*yn derbyn gofal, yn cael ei letya neu'n cael ei faethu*”) has the meaning given by section 70(2);
- [<sup>F1</sup>“occupation contract” (“*contract meddiannaeth*”) has the same meaning as in the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 1) (see section 7 of that Act);]
- “prescribed” (“*rhagnodedig*”) means prescribed in regulations made by the Welsh Ministers;
- “priority need for accommodation” (“*angen blaenoriaethol am lety*”) has the meaning given by section 70;
- “prison” (“*carchar*”) has the same meaning as in the Prison Act 1952 (see section 53(1) of that Act);
- “private landlord” (“*landlord preifat*”) means a landlord [<sup>F2</sup>— ;
- (a) of a dwelling in Wales, who is within section 10 of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (anaw 1) (private landlords);
  - (b) of a dwelling in England, who is not within section 80(1) of the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68) (the landlord condition for secure tenancies);]
- “reasonable to continue to occupy accommodation” (“*rhesymol parhau i feddiannu llety*”) has the meaning given by section 57;
- “regular armed forces of the Crown” (“*lluoedd arfog rheolaidd y Goron*”) means the regular forces as defined by section 374 of the Armed Forces Act 2006;
- “restricted person” (“*person cyfyngedig*”) has the meaning given by section 63(5);
- “social services authority” (“*awdurdod gwasanaethau cymdeithasol*”) means—
- (a) in relation to Wales, the council of a county or county borough council in the exercise of its social services functions, within the meaning of section 119 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, and

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(b) in relation to England, a local authority for the purposes of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, as defined in section 1 of that Act,

but a reference to a “social services authority” is to be interpreted as a reference to a social services authority for an area in Wales only, unless this Chapter expressly provides otherwise;

“threatened with homelessness” (“*o dan fygythiad o ddigartrefedd*”) has the meaning given by section 55(4);

“voluntary organisation” (“*corff gwirfoddol*”) means a body (other than a public or local authority) whose activities are not carried on for profit.

“youth detention accommodation” (“*llety cadw ieuenctid*”) means—

- (a) a secure children's home;
- (b) a secure training centre;
- (c) a young offender institution;
- (d) accommodation provided, equipped and maintained by the Welsh Ministers under section 82(5) of the Children Act 1989 for the purpose of restricting the liberty of children;
- (e) accommodation, or accommodation of a description, for the time being specified [<sup>F3</sup>by regulations under section 248(1)(f) of the Sentencing Code] (youth detention accommodation for the purposes of detention and training orders).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 99 inserted (1.12.2022) by [The Renting Homes \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1166\)](#), regs. 1(1), **34(12)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 99 substituted (1.12.2022) by [The Renting Homes \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1166\)](#), regs. 1(1), **34(12)(b)**
- F3** Words in s. 99 substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 308(1)** (with [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), reg. 2

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 99 in force at 1.12.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/3127](#), art. 2(b), **Sch. Pt. 2**
- I2** S. 99 in force at 27.4.2015 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2015/1272](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 50**

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