



Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016

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PART 9

TERMINATION ETC. OF OCCUPATION CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 4

TERMINATION OF SECURE CONTRACTS (CONTRACT-HOLDER'S NOTICE)

163 Contract-holder's notice

- (1) The contract-holder under a secure contract may end the contract by giving the landlord notice that he or she will give up possession of the dwelling on a date specified in the notice.
- (2) This section is a fundamental provision which is incorporated as a term of all secure contracts.

164 Minimum notice period

- (1) The date specified in a notice under section 163 may not be less than four weeks after the day on which the notice is given to the landlord.
- (2) This section is a fundamental provision which is incorporated as a term of all secure contracts.

165 Recovery of possession

- (1) If the contract-holder fails to give up possession of the dwelling on the date specified in a notice under section 163, the landlord may on that ground make a possession claim.
- (2) Section 212 provides that if the court is satisfied that the ground is made out, it must make an order for possession of the dwelling (subject to any available defence based on the contract-holder's Convention rights).

- (3) This section is a fundamental provision which is incorporated as a term of all secure contracts.

166 Restrictions on section 165

- (1) Before making a possession claim on the ground in section 165 the landlord must give the contract-holder a possession notice specifying that ground.
- (2) The landlord may make the possession claim on or after the day on which the landlord gives the contract-holder the possession notice.
- (3) But the landlord may not make the possession claim after the end of the period of six months starting with that day.
- (4) The landlord may not give the contract-holder a possession notice specifying the ground in section 165 after the end of the period of two months starting with the date specified in the notice under section 163 as the date on which the contract-holder would give up possession of the dwelling.
- (5) This section is a fundamental provision which is incorporated as a term of all secure contracts.

167 Termination of contract on contract-holder's notice

- (1) If the contract-holder gives up possession of the dwelling on or before the date specified in a notice under section 163, the contract ends on the date specified in the notice.
- (2) If the contract-holder gives up possession of the dwelling after that date but in connection with the notice, the contract ends—
- (a) on the day on which the contract-holder gives up possession of the dwelling, or
 - (b) if an order for possession is made, on the date determined in accordance with section 206.
- (3) The notice ceases to have effect if, before the contract ends—
- (a) the contract-holder withdraws the notice by further notice to the landlord, and
 - (b) the landlord does not object to the withdrawal in writing before the end of a reasonable period.
- (4) This section is a fundamental provision which is incorporated as a term of all secure contracts.