



Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016

2016 anaw 1

PART 9

TERMINATION ETC. OF OCCUPATION CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 14

JOINT CONTRACT-HOLDERS: EXCLUSION AND TERMINATION

(THIS CHAPTER APPLIES TO ALL OCCUPATION CONTRACTS)

Exclusion of joint contract-holders

225 Non-occupation: exclusion by landlord

- (1) If the landlord under an occupation contract believes that a joint contract-holder who is required to occupy the dwelling (“J”)—
 - (a) does not occupy the dwelling, and
 - (b) does not intend to occupy it,the landlord may end J’s rights and obligations in accordance with this section.
- (2) A joint contract-holder is required to occupy the dwelling if it is a term of the contract (however expressed) that he or she must occupy the dwelling as his or her only or principal home.
- (3) The landlord must give J notice—
 - (a) stating that the landlord believes that J does not occupy, and does not intend to occupy, the dwelling,
 - (b) requiring J to inform the landlord in writing before the end of the warning period if J occupies or intends to occupy the dwelling, and

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- (c) informing J of the landlord's intention to end J's rights and obligations under the contract if at the end of the warning period the landlord is satisfied that J does not occupy, and does not intend to occupy, the dwelling.
- (4) The warning period is the period of four weeks starting with the day on which a notice under subsection (3) is given to J.
- (5) During the warning period the landlord must make such inquiries as are necessary to satisfy the landlord that J does not occupy the dwelling and does not intend to occupy it.
- (6) At the end of the warning period the landlord may, if satisfied as described in subsection (5), end J's rights and obligations under the contract by giving him or her a notice.
- (7) J ceases to be a party to the contract at the end of the period of eight weeks starting with the day on which he or she is given notice under subsection (6).
- (8) The landlord must give a copy of a notice under subsection (3) and (if one was given to J) a copy of a notice under subsection (6) to each of the other joint contract-holders.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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- II** S. 225 in force at 1.12.2022 by [S.I. 2022/906](#), **art. 2**

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- s. 20(3)(ma) inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 135(2)(ia) inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 186A-186C inserted by [2019 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
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