



# Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006

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### *Matrimonial homes*

#### **5 Occupancy rights: duration**

In section 1 of the 1981 Act (right of spouse without title to occupy matrimonial home), after subsection (6) there shall be added—

“(7) Subject to subsection (5), if—

- (a) there has been no cohabitation between an entitled spouse and a non-entitled spouse during a continuous period of two years; and
- (b) during that period the non-entitled spouse has not occupied the matrimonial home,

the non-entitled spouse shall, on the expiry of that period, cease to have occupancy rights in the matrimonial home.

- (8) A non-entitled spouse who has ceased to have occupancy rights by virtue of subsection (7) may not apply to the court for an order under section 3(1).”.