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**2005 No. 1120 (C.49)**

**HOUSING, ENGLAND**

The Housing Act 2004 (Commencement  
No. 2) (England) Order 2005

Made - - - - 4th April 2005

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 270(4) and (5) of the Housing Act 2004<sup>(1)</sup> hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Housing Act 2004 (Commencement No. 2) (England) Order 2005.

(2) This Order applies to England only.

**Commencement**

2. Section 223 of the Housing Act 2004 (allocation of housing accommodation by local authorities) shall come into force on 27th April 2005.

Signed by authority of the First Secretary of State

4th April 2005

*Keith Hill*  
Minister of State Office of the Deputy Prime  
Minister

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(1) 2004 c. 34. The powers conferred by section 270(4) and (5) are exercisable by the National Assembly for Wales, where a provision is to come into force in relation only to Wales.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings section 223 of the Housing Act 2004 into force in England on 27th April 2005. Section 223 amends section 167(2)(d) of the Housing Act 1996 which provides that a local housing authority's scheme for allocating housing accommodation must be framed so as to secure that reasonable preference is given to people who need to move on medical or welfare grounds. The amendment provides that "medical or welfare grounds" include grounds relating to a disability.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Housing Act 2004 have been brought into force in England by commencement order made before the date of this Order:

Provision	Date of Commencement	SI No
Section 220 (remainder) and sections 221 and 227	17.02.05	<a href="#">2005/326</a>