



# **Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016**

## CHAPTER 22

### HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2016

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*Buildings (or parts) which are not houses in multiple occupation*

- 1. (1) The following paragraphs list buildings which are not houses...

*Buildings controlled or managed by public sector bodies etc.*

- 2. (1) A building where the person managing or having control...

*Establishments regulated by the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority*

- 3. Any building where— (a) the person managing or having control...

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*Buildings regulated otherwise than under this Act*

4. Any building whose occupation is regulated otherwise than by or...

*Buildings occupied by students and managed by educational establishment*

5. (1) Any building— (a) which is occupied solely or principally...

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6. Any building which is occupied principally for the purposes of...

*Buildings occupied by members of the armed forces*

7. Any building which is owned by the Crown and occupied...

*Prisons, etc*

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9. Any building which is occupied only by the following persons —...

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1. (1) An application for an HMO licence must be in...

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2. (1) The Department must make regulations providing for the giving...

*Notice to statutory authorities*

3. The council must send a copy of any application for...

*Representations in response to notices*

4. (1) A representation made in response to a notice under...

— REFUSAL OF APPLICATION: BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL

5. Paragraphs 6 and 7 apply where the council is not...

6. (1) The council must serve on the applicant a notice...

7. (1) This paragraph applies if, after the council has refused...  
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*Notice of proposed decision*

9. (1) The council must serve a notice under this paragraph...

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10. (1) This paragraph applies if the council decides (whether on...

*Consideration of application*

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*Time limit for determining application*

12. (1) The council must decide whether to grant or refuse...

*Notice of determination*

13. (1) The council must serve notice of its decision on...  
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*Application of Part of Schedule*

1. This Part of this Schedule applies to—

*Listed buildings etc*

2. (1) In this paragraph “protected building” means a building—

*Extension of date for completion of works*

3. (1) The council may, in accordance with this paragraph, extend...

Part 2 — Failure to carry out works required by rectification notice or hazard notice

*Application of Part of Schedule*

4. This Part of this Schedule applies if the owner of...

*Carrying out of work by council*

5. (1) The council may carry out any work required by...

*Vacation of land or premises to allow work to be carried out*

6. (1) Where the council— (a) is authorised by paragraph 5...

*Warrants requiring occupant to vacate land or premises*

7. (1) Where an occupant has not complied with a requirement...

*Unlawful occupation etc*

8. (1) A person commits an offence if the person—

*Recovery of expenses etc from owner*

9. (1) The council may recover from the owner of the...

*Recovery of expenses etc from other person benefiting from works*

10. (1) This paragraph applies if a court of summary jurisdiction...

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*Notice of proposal not to vary*

2. (1) This paragraph applies where the council proposes to refuse...

*Hearings*

3. (1) This paragraph applies if the council decides (whether on...

*Consideration of application*

4. In determining whether (and in what way) to vary a...

*Notice of determination*

5. (1) The council must serve on— (a) the owner,

*Effective date of decision*

6. A variation or revocation has effect from—

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2. A “utilities undertaker” means any of the following—

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3. “Institution of further education” has the meaning given by Article...

*Higher education institution*

4. “Higher education institution” has the meaning given by Article 30...

*Estate agency work*

5. “Estate agency work” has the meaning given by section 1...

*Lettings agency work*

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*Housing benefit*

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*Land Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 1970*

1. In Schedule 11 (matters which must be registered in the...

*Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977*

2. In Article 20(1B) (rating of owners instead of occupiers in...

*Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981*

3. (1) In Article 2(2), in the definition of “house in...

*Home Energy Conservation Act 1995*

4. In section 1(1), in the definition of “residential accommodation”, in...

*Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003*

5. In Article 2(2) (general interpretation), at the appropriate place insert—...
6. (1) In Article 28(1)— (a) in the definition of “house...

*Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006*

7. In Article 52(1) (interpretation of Part 3), for “Article 75...

*Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006*

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