



# Housing Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 68

### PART XVII

#### COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND LAND COMPENSATION

##### *Supplementary provisions*

#### **600 Powers of entry.**

- (1) A person authorised by the local housing authority or the Secretary of State may at any reasonable time, on giving [<sup>F1</sup>seven days] notice of his intention to the occupier, and to the owner if the owner is known, enter premises for the purpose of survey and examination where it appears to the authority or the Secretary of State that survey or examination is necessary in order to determine whether any powers under this Part should be exercised in respect of the premises.
- (2) An authorisation for the purposes of this section shall be in writing stating the particular purpose or purposes for which the entry is authorised [<sup>F2</sup>and shall, if so required, be produced for inspection by the occupier or anyone acting on his behalf].

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words substituted by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\)](#), s. 165(1)(d), **Sch. 9 Pt. IV para. 79(1)**
- F2** Words added by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\)](#), s. 165(1)(d), **Sch. 9 Pt. IV para. 79(2)**

#### **601 Penalty for obstruction.**

- (1) It is a summary offence [<sup>F3</sup>intentionally] to obstruct an officer of the local housing authority or of the Secretary of State, or any person authorised to enter premises in pursuance of this Part, in the performance of anything which he is by this Part required or authorised to do.

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- (2) A person committing such an offence is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F4</sup>level 3] on the standard scale.

**Textual Amendments**

- F3** Word inserted by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\), s. 165\(1\)\(d\), Sch. 9 Pt. IV para. 80\(1\)](#)
- F4** Words substituted by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\), s. 165\(1\)\(d\), Sch. 9 Pt. IV para. 80\(2\)](#)

**602 Minor definitions.**

In this Part—

- ..... <sup>F5</sup>
- “owner” in relation to premises—
- (a) means a person (other than a mortgagee not in possession) who is for the time being entitled to dispose of the fee simple in the premises, whether in possession or in reversion, and
- (b) includes also a person holding or entitled to the rents and profits of the premises [<sup>F6</sup>or part of the premises] under a lease of which the unexpired term exceeds three years.

**Textual Amendments**

- F5** Definition repealed by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\), ss. 165\(1\)\(d\), 194\(4\), Sch. 9 Pt. IV para. 81\(a\), Sch. 12 Pt. II](#)
- F6** Words inserted by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\), s. 165\(1\)\(d\), Sch. 9 Pt. IV para. 81\(b\)](#)

[<sup>F7</sup>603 **Index of defined expressions: Part XVII.**

The following Table shows provisions defining or otherwise explaining expressions used in this Part (other than provisions defining or otherwise explaining an expression used in the same section or paragraph):—

clearance area	section 289
closing order	section 264
demolition order	section 265
compulsory purchase value	section 584A
lease and lessee	section 621
local housing authority	section 1, 2(2).]

**Textual Amendments**

- F7** [S. 603](#) substituted by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 61\), s. 165\(1\)\(d\), Sch. 9 Pt. IV para. 82](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 81A-81D and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 4](#) (This provision is amended by 2021 c. 7, ss. 79(3), 90(6); S.I 2021/1038, reg. 3(c))
- s. 81B(1)(b) words inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 81B(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 81B(2C) words substituted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 81B(2C) words substituted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 81B(2D) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 81B by 2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4 is still prospective)
- s. 82(A1)(A2) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 119\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 82A(4A)(4B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 86(1A)(1B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 86(1C) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 2](#)
- s. 86A-86F and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 11](#)
- s. 86G s. 86A renumbered as s. 86G by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 86G(8) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 88(1)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 4](#)
- s. 89(2A)-(2D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 97(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 99A(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 305(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 68\(b\)](#)
- s. 306(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 69\(b\)](#)
- s. 353A inserted by [1996 c. 52 s. 73\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 73 repealed (6.4.2006 for E., 16.6.2006 for W.) by 2004 c. 34, Sch. 16; S.I. 2006/1060, art. 2(1)(e), Sch.; S.I. 2006/1535, art. 2(c), Sch.)
- s. 582(6)(aa)-(ac) substituted for s. 582(6)(a) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(3)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(6A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(d\)](#)