

# Housing Act 1985

## **1985 CHAPTER 68**

#### **PART IV**

## SECURE TENANCIES AND RIGHTS OF SECURE TENANTS

*I*<sup>F1</sup>*Flexible tenancies* 

## [F1107D Recovery of possession on expiry of flexible tenancy

- (1) Subject as follows, on or after the coming to an end of a flexible tenancy a court must make an order for possession of the dwelling-house let on the tenancy if it is satisfied that the following conditions are met.
- (2) Condition 1 is that the flexible tenancy has come to an end and no further secure tenancy (whether or not a flexible tenancy) is for the time being in existence, other than a secure tenancy that is a periodic tenancy (whether or not arising by virtue of section 86).
- (3) Condition 2 is that the landlord has given the tenant not less than six months' notice in writing—
  - (a) stating that the landlord does not propose to grant another tenancy on the expiry of the flexible tenancy,
  - (b) setting out the landlord's reasons for not proposing to grant another tenancy, and
  - (c) informing the tenant of the tenant's right to request a review of the landlord's proposal and of the time within which such a request must be made.
- (4) Condition 3 is that the landlord has given the tenant not less than two months' notice in writing stating that the landlord requires possession of the dwelling-house.
- (5) A notice under subsection (4) may be given before or on the day on which the tenancy comes to an end.
- (6) The court may refuse to grant an order for possession under this section if—

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- (a) the tenant has in accordance with section 107E requested a review of the landlord's proposal not to grant another tenancy on the expiry of the flexible tenancy, and
- (b) the court is satisfied that the landlord has failed to carry out the review in accordance with provision made by or under that section or that the decision on the review is otherwise wrong in law.
- (7) If a court refuses to grant an order for possession by virtue of subsection (6) it may make such directions as to the holding of a review or further review under section 107E as it thinks fit.
- (8) This section has effect notwithstanding that, on the coming to an end of the flexible tenancy, a periodic tenancy arises by virtue of section 86.
- (9) Where a court makes an order for possession of a dwelling-house by virtue of this section, any periodic tenancy arising by virtue of section 86 on the coming to an end of the flexible tenancy comes to an end (without further notice and regardless of the period) in accordance with section 82(2).
- (10) This section is without prejudice to any right of the landlord under a flexible tenancy to recover possession of the dwelling-house let on the tenancy in accordance with this Part.]

### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Ss. 107A-107E and cross-heading inserted (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by Localism Act 2011 (c. 20), **ss. 154**, 240(2); S.I. 2012/57, art. 4(1)(p) (with arts. 6, 7, 9-11); S.I. 2012/628, art. 6(a) (with arts. 9, 11, 14, 15, 17)

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## Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- s. 107A-107E omitted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 14
- 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)