



Housing Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 52

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Final provisions

231 Extent.

- (1) The provisions of this Act extend to England and Wales, and only to England and Wales, subject as follows.
- (2) The following provisions also extend to Scotland—
Part IV ([^{F1}universal credit,] housing benefit and related matters), and the provisions of this Part so far as relating to Part IV.
- (3) Section 226 (power to make corresponding provision for Northern Ireland) also extends to Northern Ireland.
- (4) Any amendment or repeal by this Act of an enactment has the same extent as the enactment amended or repealed, except that—
 - (a) amendments or repeals of provisions of the Housing Associations Act 1985, other than in consequence of paragraph 1 of Schedule 18 to this Act (repeal of Part IV of the Housing Act 1988), do not extend to Scotland,
 - (b) amendments or repeals of provisions of the Housing Act 1988 relating to registered housing associations do not extend to Scotland,
 - (c) amendments or repeals of provisions of the ^{M1}Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 or the ^{M2}Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 do not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland, and
 - (d) repeals of the following provisions do not extend to Scotland—
 - (i) section 24(5)(a) and (c) of the ^{M3}Local Government Act 1988,
 - (ii) section 182 of the ^{M4}Local Government and Housing Act 1989,
 - (iii) paragraph 21(3) of Schedule 6 to the ^{M5}Charities Act 1993, and

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(iv) provisions in Schedule 26 to the ^{M6}Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980.

(5) Any power conferred by this Act to make consequential amendments or repeals of enactments may be exercised in relation to enactments as they extend to any part of the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 231(2) inserted (29.4.2013) by [The Universal Credit \(Consequential, Supplementary, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/630\)](#), regs. 1(2), **12(6)**

Marginal Citations

M1 1993 c. 23.
M2 1996 c. 49.
M3 1988 c. 9.
M4 1989 c. 42.
M5 1993 c. 10.
M6 1980 c. 65.

232 Commencement.

- (1) The following provisions of this Act come into force on Royal Assent—
 - section 110 (new leases: valuation principles),
 - section 120 (payment of housing benefit to third parties), and
 - sections 223 to 226 and 228 to 233 (general provisions).
- (2) The following provisions of this Act come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the date on which this Act is passed—
 - sections 81 and 82 (restriction on termination of tenancy for failure to pay service charge),
 - section 85 (appointment of manager by the court),
 - section 94 (provision of general legal advice about residential tenancies),
 - section 95 (jurisdiction of county courts),
 - section 221 (exercise of compulsory purchase powers in relation to Crown land),
 - paragraph 24 (powers of local housing authorities to acquire land for housing purposes), paragraph 26 (preserved right to buy) and paragraphs 27 to 29 of Schedule 18 (local authority assistance in connection with mortgages), and
 - sections 222 and 227, and Schedule 19 (consequential repeals), in so far as they relate to those paragraphs.
- (3) The other provisions of this Act come into force on a day appointed by order of the Secretary of State, and different days may be appointed for different areas and different purposes.
- (4) An order under subsection (3) shall be made by statutory instrument and may contain such transitional provisions and savings as appear to the Secretary of State to be appropriate.

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Subordinate Legislation Made

P1 S. 232(3)(4) power of appointment exercised for specified provisions as follows:

1.8.1996 appointed (30.7.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2048](#), **arts. 2-4**

23.8.1996 and 1.10.1996 appointed (22.8.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2212](#), **arts. 1, 2**

24.9.1996 and 1.10.1996 appointed (16.9.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2402](#), **arts. 2-5**

23.10.1996 appointed (15.10.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2658](#), **art. 2**

20.1.1997 and 1.4.1997 appointed (25.11.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2959](#), **arts. 2, 3**

4.2.1997 appointed (14.1.1997) by [S.I. 1997/66](#), **arts. 1, 2**

28.2.1997 appointed (28.1.1997) by [S.I. 1997/225](#), **arts. 1, 2**

3.3.1997 appointed (13.2.1997) by [S.I. 1997/350](#), **art. 2** and (26.2.1997) by [S.I. 1997/596](#), **art. 2**

1.4.1997 and 1.4.1998 appointed (5.3.1997) by [S.I. 1997/618](#), **arts. 2, 3**

1.9.1997 appointed (25.7.1997) by [S.I. 1997/1851](#), **arts. 1, 2**

11.8.1998 appointed (21.7.1998) by [S.I. 1998/1768](#), **art. 2**.

15.10.2001 appointed (12.9.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3164](#), **art. 2**

233 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Housing Act 1996.

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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. 124(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 124(6) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20\(6\)](#)
- s. 124A124B inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 21](#)
- s. 125A(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 130A inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 7](#)
- s. 133(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(3A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 13\(2\)](#)
- s. 143J(7)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2022/1166 reg. 25\(11\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment comes into force immediately after 2016 c. 22, s. 120 and Sch. 8 para. 13(3) come into force)
- s. 143GA143GB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10](#)
- s. 143MA(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 27\(3\)](#)
- s. 143MB inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 28](#)