

*These notes refer to the Localism Act 2011 (c.20)
which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011*

LOCALISM ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 7: Housing

Chapter 1: Allocation and Homelessness

Section 148 and 149: Duties to homeless persons

372. [Section 148](#) enables a local authority in England or Wales fully to discharge the main homelessness duty to secure accommodation with an offer of suitable accommodation from a private landlord, without requiring the applicant's agreement. Tenancies must be for a minimum fixed term of 12 months.
373. [Section 149](#) provides that the main homelessness duty will recur, regardless of whether the applicant has a priority need for accommodation, if the applicant becomes unintentionally homeless again within 2 years of accepting a private sector offer and re-applies for accommodation.