



House Purchase and Housing Act 1959

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An Act to authorise Exchequer advances to, and the deposit of trust funds with, designated building societies; to enlarge the power of local authorities to make advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1923, the Small Dwellings Acquisition (Scotland) Acts 1899 to 1923, section forty-three of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, and section seventy-five of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1950; to make further provision for grants by local authorities and Exchequer contributions to local authorities towards the improvement of dwellings; to amend the provisions of the said Act of 1958 and the said Act of 1950, with respect to Exchequer contributions and grants by local authorities towards the provision of dwellings by the conversion of houses and other buildings and towards the improvement of dwellings, and with respect to the conditions to be observed where assistance has been given under Part II of the said Act of 1958 or Part VII of the said Act of 1950; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [14th May 1959]

Editorial Information

- X1** Editor's Note: the extent of this Act is unclear and, whilst it appears to be in force for Northern Ireland, the form in which it is in force is uncertain.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act repealed (E.W.) by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985](#) (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C2** Act repealed (S.) by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987](#) (c. 26, SIF 61), ss. 335, 339(3), **Sch. 24**

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PART I

LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF HOUSES

1 Designation of building societies for investment by trustees and government loans.

(1) Where the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies (in this section referred to as the Registrar) is satisfied that a permanent building society fulfils such requirements as to its assets and liabilities, liquid funds, reserves, and other matters, as the Treasury may by regulations prescribe, he may designate the society for the purposes of this section; and where a society has been so designated and the designation has not been revoked—

- (a) F1
- (b) the Minister may make advances to the society in accordance with the provisions of section two of this Act.

(2) Where the officer appointed to perform in Northern Ireland the functions of registrar of friendly societies (in this section referred to as the Registrar for Northern Ireland) is satisfied that a society incorporated under the Building Societies Acts (Northern Ireland) 1874 to 1940, which is a permanent society within the meaning of those Acts fulfils the requirements prescribed under subsection (1) of this section, he may designate the society for the purposes of [F2 paragraph 12 of Part II and paragraph 2 of Part III of the First Schedule to the M1 Trustee Investments Act 1961]; and where a society has been so designated and the designation has not been revoked, that paragraph shall apply in relation to it as it applies in relation to a permanent building society within the meaning of this Act.

(3) The Registrar or, as the case may be, the Registrar for Northern Ireland, shall publish in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes a notice of every designation made by him under this section and of any revocation of such a designation.

(4) If any person knowingly or recklessly makes or causes or procures another person to make a false or misleading statement in connection with any information which the Registrar or the Registrar for Northern Ireland may request for the purposes of this section he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or both, or on conviction on indictment to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both.

(5) F3

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(1)(a) repealed by [Trustee Investments Act 1961 \(c. 62\)](#), [Sch. 5](#)

F2 Words substituted by virtue of [Trustee Investments Act 1961 \(c. 62\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 6](#)

F3 S. 1(5) repealed by [Trustee Investments Act 1961 \(c. 62\)](#), [Sch. 5](#) and expressed to be repealed by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985 \(c. 71, SIF 61\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales) and (S.) by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 26, SIF 61\)](#), ss. 335, 339(3), [Sch. 24](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 1961 c. 62.

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2 Exchequer advances to building societies.

- (1) Any advance made to a building society under this Act shall be repayable to the Minister at such times and by such methods, and interest thereon shall be payable at such rates and at such times, as the Minister may with the approval of the Treasury direct.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section—
 - (a) such advances made to any building society in respect of any financial year shall not exceed the amounts advanced in that year by the society to its members for the purchase or improvement of houses in the United Kingdom satisfying the following conditions, that is to say, that each house was completed before the year nineteen hundred and nineteen and that its estimated value does not exceed two thousand five hundred pounds, or in the Metropolitan Police District or the City of London, three thousand pounds;
 - (b) such an advance shall not be made to a building society if the amount thereof, together with the amount outstanding in respect of any such advances previously made to the society, would exceed one-fifth of the amount outstanding in respect of any funds raised by the society by other means.
- (3) The Minister may by order vary the conditions specified in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section or the fraction specified in paragraph (b) of that subsection.
- (4) Advances made to building societies under this Act shall not together exceed the sum of one hundred million pounds.
- (5) The Treasury may issue to the Minister, out of the [^{F4}National Loans Fund], such sums as are necessary to enable him to make such advances . . . ^{F5}.
- (6) Any sums received by the Minister under subsection (1) of this section shall be paid into the [^{F4}National Loans Fund] . . . ^{F5}.
- (7) The Minister shall, as respects each financial year, prepare in such form and manner as the Treasury may direct an account of sums issued to him for advances under this Act and of sums received by him under subsection (1) of this section and of the disposal by him of those sums respectively, and send it to the Comptroller and Auditor General not later than the end of November following the year; and the Comptroller and Auditor General shall examine, certify and report on the account and lay copies of it, together with his report, before each House of Parliament.
- (8) The reference in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section to the estimated value of a house shall be construed, in relation to a house in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, as a reference to the estimated value of its fee simple in possession free from incumbrances and, in relation to a house in Scotland, as a reference to the estimated value of the house subject to feu duty, ground annual or other burden incident to tenure but free from other incumbrances.

Textual Amendments

- F4** Words substituted by [National Loans Act 1968 \(c. 13\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- F5** Words repealed by [National Loans Act 1968 \(c. 13\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#) except in relation to money borrowed before 1.4.1968 or requirements as respects accounts or statements for year ending 31.3.1968 or any earlier year.

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3 F6

Textual Amendments

F6 S. 3 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1981 (c. 19), s. 1(1) Sch. 1 Pt. VI, Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I and (S.) Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26, SIF 61), ss. 335, 339(3), Sch. 24

PART II

4—12. F7

Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 4–12 repealed Housing Act 1969 (c. 33), Sch. 10 and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I and Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26, SIF 61), ss. 335, 339(3), Sch. 24

13 F8

Textual Amendments

F8 S. 13 repealed by Housing Act 1969 (c. 33), Sch. 10 and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales) (subject to saving (E.W.) in Housing Act 1985 (c. 68, SIF 61), s. 432, Sch. 15 Pt. III para. 1(1)(b))

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18. F9

Textual Amendments

F9 Ss. 14–18 repealed by Housing Act 1969 (c. 33), Sch. 10 and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales)

PART III

19, 20. F10

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Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 19, 20, 22–24 repealed by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1968 \(c. 31\)](#), [Sch. 10](#) and expressed to be repealed by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 26, SIF 61\)](#), s. 339(3), [Sch. 24](#)

21 **F11**

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 21 which was spent is now repealed by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 26, SIF 61\)](#), s. 339(3), [Sch. 24](#)

22— **F12**
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Textual Amendments

F12 Ss. 19, 20, 22–24 repealed by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1968 \(c. 31\)](#), [Sch. 10](#) and expressed to be repealed by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 26, SIF 61\)](#), s. 339(3), [Sch. 24](#)

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

25 **F13**

Textual Amendments

F13 S. 25 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1981 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. VI](#) and by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985 \(c. 71, SIF 61\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales) and (S.) by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 26, SIF 61\)](#), ss. 335, 339(3), [Sch. 24](#)

26 **F14**

Textual Amendments

F14 s. 26 repealed as respects accounts for 1972–3 and later years, by [Housing Finance Act 1972 \(c. 47\)](#), s. 108(4), [Sch. 11 Pt. I](#) and expressed to be repealed by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985 \(c. 71, SIF 61\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)

27 **F15**

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Textual Amendments

F15 S. 27 repealed by Rent Act 1968 (c. 23), Sch. 17 and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I

28 Orders and regulations.

- (1) Any order made under any provision of this Act may be varied or revoked by a subsequent order made thereunder.
- (2) ^{F16}
- (3) Any order made under any . . . ^{F17} provision of this Act and any regulations made under section one thereof shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F16 S. 28(2) repealed by Housing Act 1964 (c. 56), Sch. 5, Housing Act 1969 (c. 33), Sch. 10 and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales) and (S.) by Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26, SIF 61), ss. 335, 339(3), Sch. 24

F17 Word repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1981 (c. 19), s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. VI

29 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Act—
 - “the Act of 1950” means the ^{M2}Housing (Scotland) Act 1950;
 - “the Act of 1958” means the ^{M3}Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958;
 - ^{F18}
 - ^{F19}
 - “the Minister” means the [^{F20}Secretary of State] or, as respects Scotland, the Secretary of State;
 - “permanent building society” means a society incorporated under the [^{F21M4}Building Societies Act 1962], which is a permanent society within the meaning of [^{F21}that Act];
 - ^{F22}
 - ^{F23}
- (2) ^{F24}
- (4) Any reference in this Act to any other enactment is a reference thereto as amended by any subsequent enactment including, except where the context otherwise requires, this Act.

Textual Amendments

F18 Definition of “controlled tenancy” repealed by Rent Act 1977 (c. 42), Sch. 25 and expressed to be repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1981 (c. 19), s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. VI

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- F19** Definition of “improvement grant” (a) repealed by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1968 \(c. 31\)](#), [Sch. 10](#) and [Housing Act 1969 \(c. 33\)](#), [Sch. 10](#) (b) residue spent and also expressed to be repealed, including unrepealed residue which was spent, by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1981 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. VI](#)
- F20** Words substituted by virtue of [S.I. 1970/1681](#), [arts. 2\(1\)](#), 6(3)
- F21** Words substituted by virtue of [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#), [s. 17\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F22** Definitions of “standard amenities” and “standard grant” (a) repealed by [Housing Act 1969 \(c. 33\)](#), [Sch. 10](#) (b) residue spent
- F23** Definition of “the valuation officer” repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1981 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. VI](#)
- F24** [Ss. 29\(2\)\(3\), 30, 31\(3\), 32\(3\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1981 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. VI](#)

Marginal Citations

- M2** [1950 c. 34](#).
- M3** [1958 c. 42](#).
- M4** [1962 c. 37](#).

30 **F25**

Textual Amendments

- F25** [Ss. 29\(2\)\(3\), 30, 31\(3\), 32\(3\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1981 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. VI](#)

31 Amendments, repeal and saving.

- (1) The Act of 1958 shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in Part I of the First Schedule to this Act, being amendments consequential on the provisions of Part II of this Act or for applying to those provisions certain provisions of the Act of 1958 . . . ^{F26}
- (2) **F27**
- (3) **F28**

Textual Amendments

- F26** Words repealed by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1968 \(c. 31\)](#), [Sch. 10](#)
- F27** [S. 31\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#) repealed by [Housing \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1985 \(c. 71, SIF 61\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales) and (S.) by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 26, SIF 61\)](#), ss. 335, 339(3), [Sch. 24](#)
- F28** [Ss. 29\(2\)\(3\), 30, 31\(3\), 32\(3\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1981 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. VI](#)

32 Short title, citation, construction, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the House Purchase and Housing Act 1959; and—

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- (a) this Act, except so far as it extends to Scotland only, and the Act of 1958 may be cited together as the Housing (Financial Provisions) Acts 1958 and 1959; and
 - (b) this Act, so far as it extends to Scotland, and the Housing (Scotland) Acts 1950 to 1957, may be cited together as the Housing (Scotland) Acts 1950 to 1959.
- (2) Part III of this Act shall be construed as one with the Act of 1950.
- (3) ^{F29}
- (4) Part III of this Act . . . ^{F30} extend to Scotland only, and the following provisions of this Act do not extend to Scotland, that is to say, . . . ^{F31} Part I of the First Schedule.

Textual Amendments

- F29** Ss. 29(2)(3), 30, 31(3), 32(3) repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1981 (c. 19), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. VI**
- F30** Words repealed by Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 31), **Sch. 10**
- F31** Words repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1981 (c. 19), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. VI**

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SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Sections 31, 32.

AMENDMENTS OF HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958, AND HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1950

PART I

AMENDMENTS OF ACT OF 1958

1, 2. F32

Textual Amendments

F32 Sch. 1 paras. 1, 2, 9 repealed by Housing Act 1969 (c. 33), Sch. 10 and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales)

3 In section twenty-five, the references to sections one to ten of the Act of 1958 shall be deemed to be references to sections one to nine of that Act and to sections thirteen and fourteen of this Act, and the references to the Act of 1958 in the proviso to subsection (2) of the section shall be deemed to include references to this Act.

4 ... F33

Textual Amendments

F33 Sch. 1 paras. 4, 6, 8 repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales)

5 In section fifty-four the references to the purposes of the Act of 1958 shall be deemed to include references to the purposes of this Act.

6 ... F34

Textual Amendments

F34 Sch. 1 paras. 4, 6, 8 repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. I (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales)

7 F35

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Textual Amendments

F35 Sch. 1 para. 7 repealed by Housing Finance Act 1972 (c. 47), s. 108(4), **Sch. 11 Pt. VI** and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales)

8 **F36**

Textual Amendments

F36 Sch. 1 paras. 4, 6, 8 repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales)

9 **F37**

Textual Amendments

F37 Sch. 1 paras. 1, 2, 9 repealed by Housing Act 1969 (c. 33), **Sch. 10** and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales)

PART II

10, 11. **F38**

Textual Amendments

F38 Sch. 1 paras. 10, 11 repealed by Housing (Financial Provisions, &c.) (Scotland) Act 1967 (c. 20), Sch. 3, **Sch. 5**, Pt. II para. 7(2) and Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 31), **Sch. 10** and expressed to be repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales) and (S.) by Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26, SIF 61), ss. 335, 339(3), **Sch. 24**

SECOND

SCHEDULE.
F39

Textual Amendments

F39 S. 31(2), Sch. 2 repealed by Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71, SIF 61), s. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (by s. 6(3) it is provided that s. 3 and Sch. 1 Pt. I of the Act extend to England and Wales) and (S.) by Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 26, SIF 61), ss. 335, 339(3), **Sch. 24**

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