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**HOUSING, ENGLAND**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND**

**The Housing and Planning Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1)  
Regulations 2016**

*Made* - - - -

*25th May 2016*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 216(3) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016(a), makes the following Regulations:

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2016.

**Provisions coming into force on 26th May 2016**

2. Sections 64, 65, 67, 68 and 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 come into force on 26th May 2016.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

*Brandon Lewis*  
Minister of State

25th May 2016

Department for Communities and Local Government

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force sections 64, 65, 67, 68 and 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c.22) on 26th May 2016. Section 64 enables the Secretary of State to make a payment to a private registered provider (as defined in section 68) in respect of the discount awarded to a tenant of that provider when buying their home under the voluntary right to buy. Section 65 allows the Greater London Authority to make equivalent payments in respect of dwellings in Greater London. Section 67 makes consequential amendments and section 68 provides for the interpretation of Part 4, Chapter 1 of the Act in which the substantive provisions to be commenced appear. Section 145(5) inserts a new section 21A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (c. 5) to enable the Secretary of State to direct a local planning authority not to take any step in connection with the adoption of a development plan document pending possible use of other intervention powers.

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