



Housing Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 52

PART VII

HOMELESSNESS

Referral to another local housing authority

199 Local connection.

- (1) A person has a local connection with the district of a local housing authority if he has a connection with it—
- (a) because he is, or in the past was, normally resident there, and that residence is or was of his own choice,
 - (b) because he is employed there,
 - (c) because of family associations, or
 - (d) because of special circumstances.
- ^{F1}(2)
- (3) Residence in a district is not of a person's own choice if—
- ^{F2}(a)
 - (b) he, or a person who might reasonably be expected to reside with him, becomes resident there because he is detained under the authority of an Act of Parliament.
- ^{F3}(4)
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order specify ^{F4}... circumstances in which—
- (a) a person is not to be treated as employed in a district, or
 - (b) residence in a district is not to be treated as of a person's own choice.
- [^{F5}(6) A person has a local connection with the district of a local housing authority if he was (at any time) provided with accommodation in that district under section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (support for asylum seekers).

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- (7) But subsection (6) does not apply—
- (a) to the provision of accommodation for a person in a district of a local housing authority if he was subsequently provided with accommodation in the district of another local housing authority under section 95 of that Act, or
 - (b) to the provision of accommodation in an accommodation centre by virtue of section 22 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (c. 41) (use of accommodation centres for section 95 support).]

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** S. 199(2) repealed (1.12.2008 for E., 30.3.2009 for W. for specified purposes) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 315(a), 325(1), [Sch. 16](#); S.I. 2008/3068, arts. 4(10), 5, [Sch.](#) (with arts. 6-13); S.I. 2009/773, art. 2
- F2** S. 199(3)(a) repealed (1.12.2008 for E., 30.3.2009 for W. for specified purposes) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 315(b), 325(1), [Sch. 16](#); S.I. 2008/3068, arts. 4(10), 5, [Sch.](#) (with arts. 6-13); S.I. 2009/773, art. 2
- F3** S. 199(4) repealed (1.12.2008 for E., 30.3.2009 for W. for specified purposes) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 315(c), 325(1), [Sch. 16](#); S.I. 2008/3068, arts. 4(10), 5, [Sch.](#) (with arts. 6-13); S.I. 2009/773, art. 2; and words in s. 199(4) substituted (28.3.2009 for specified purposes) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [Sch. 16](#) para. 139; S.I. 2009/812, art. 3(a)(b) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059)
- F4** Word in s. 199(5) repealed (1.12.2008 for E., 30.3.2009 for W. for specified purposes) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 315(d), 325(1), [Sch. 16](#); S.I. 2008/3068, arts. 4(10), 5, [Sch.](#) (with arts. 6-13); S.I. 2009/773, art. 2
- F5** S. 199(6)(7) added (4.1.2005) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), [ss. 11\(1\)](#), 48(3); S.I. 2004/2999, art. 2, [Sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 199 excluded (3.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/797, [art. 2\(1\)\(3\)\(b\)](#)
S. 199 modified (3.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/797, [art. 2\(1\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 199 in force 20.1.1997: s. 199 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 232(1)-(3); s. 199(5) in force at 1.10.1996 by S.I. 1996/2402, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in the [Sch.](#)); s. 199 in force at 20.1.1997 to the extent it is not already in force by S.I. 1996/2959, [art. 2](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act words substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 56

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 1 Ch. 4A heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 50
- s. A1 inserted by 2008 c. 17 s. 61(2)
- s. 1A inserted by 2008 c. 17 s. 61(4)
- s. 1A(b) substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 57
- s. 2(2A) inserted by 2008 c. 17 s. 61(5)(c)
- s. 3(2)(ja) omitted by 2015 c. 20 Sch. 13 para. 6(28)
- s. 6A and cross-heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 41
- s. 24(c) words substituted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 1 para. 7(c)
- s. 24(ba) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 1 para. 7(b)
- s. 24(2)(a)(iii) and word inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 1 para. 7(a)
- s. 27A(5) repealed by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 87 Sch. 4
- s. 27A(7) repealed by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 87 Sch. 4
- s. 33A inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 35
- s. 33A(2A)-(2C) inserted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 28(2)
- s. 33B inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 36
- s. 33B(3) substituted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 28(3)(a)
- s. 33B(4) substituted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 28(3)(b)
- s. 33C inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 37
- s. 33C words inserted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 28(4)
- s. 35(A1) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 38(2)
- s. 35A and cross-heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 39
- s. 35B inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 40
- s. 36(2A) omitted by 2011 nawm 5 Sch. para. 7(b)
- s. 37(3A) words in s. 37(3) renumbered as s. 37(3A) by 2011 nawm 5 s. 42(2)(a)
- s. 37(3A) words substituted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 42(2)(b)
- s. 37(3B) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 42(2)(c)
- s. 39(1)(ba) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 Sch. para. 9
- s. 43A inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 83
- s. 44(4)(c) and word inserted by S.I. 2014/3486 art. 29(2)(d)
- s. 44(4)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/3486 art. 29(2)(b)
- s. 46(4A) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 Sch. para. 10
- s. 50A and cross-heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 50
- s. 50B inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 51
- s. 50C and cross-heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 52
- s. 50D inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 53
- s. 50E inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 54
- s. 50F inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 55
- s. 50G inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 56
- s. 50H and cross-heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 57
- s. 50I inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 58
- s. 50J inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 59
- s. 50J(1) words inserted by S.I. 2015/664 Sch. 5 para. 6
- s. 50K inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 60
- s. 50L inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 61
- s. 50M inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 62
- s. 50N inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 63
- s. 50O and cross-heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 64

- s. 50P inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 65
- s. 50Q inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 66
- s. 50R inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 67
- s. 50S inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 68
- s. 50T inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 69
- s. 50U inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 70
- s. 50V inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 71
- s. 51(2)(za) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 181(3)
- s. 51(3A) inserted by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 19 para. 34(3)
- s. 58(1A) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 86
- s. 81(5A) words substituted by S.I. 2013/1036 Sch. 1 para. 130(a)
- s. 81(7) inserted by S.I. 2013/1036 Sch. 1 para. 130(b)
- s. 124(1A) inserted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20(2)
- s. 124(2A) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 96(3)
- s. 124(2A) words substituted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20(4)
- s. 124(6) inserted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 20(6)
- s. 124A 124B inserted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 21
- s. 125(3A) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 97(3)
- s. 125A(1) word substituted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 22(2)
- 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. 137A and cross-heading inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 155(6)
- s. 137A(2) words substituted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 24
- s. 143J(3A) inserted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 13(2)
- s. 143GA 143GB inserted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 10
- s. 143MA and cross-heading inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 155(7)
- s. 143MA(1) words substituted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 27(2)
- 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
- s. 151(3)(a) modified by S.I. 2012/57 art. 11
- s. 153E(7)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 99(2)
- s. 159(4A) excluded by 2014 c. 22 Sch. 3 para. 2(2)
- s. 159(4A)(4B) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 145(2)
- s. 160(1)(da) substituted for word by 2011 c. 20 s. 159(7)
- s. 160A(8)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2015/1321 art. 2(2)(a)
- s. 160A(8)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2015/1321 art. 2(2)(a)
- s. 160ZA inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 146(1)
- s. 160ZA(3) words inserted by S.I. 2013/630 reg. 12(3)
- s. 166(1A) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 147(2)(a)
- s. 166A inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 147(4)
- s. 166A(3) words inserted by S.I. 2012/2989 reg. 2(b)
- s. 166A(3) words substituted by S.I. 2012/2989 reg. 2(a)
- s. 167(2ZA) words substituted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 3(b)
- s. 175(5) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 1(3)
- s. 184(3A) words inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(3)(a)
- s. 184(3A) words omitted by 2017 c. 13 s. 4(3)(a)
- s. 184(3A) words omitted by 2017 c. 13 s. 4(3)(b)
- s. 188(1)-(1ZB) substituted for s. 188(1) by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(4)(a)
- s. 188(1A) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 149(2)
- s. 188(1A) words substituted by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(4)(b)
- s. 188(2A)-(3) substituted for s. 188(3) by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(4)(c)
- s. 189A and cross-heading inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 3(1)
- s. 189B inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(2)
- s. 193(1A) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 7(2)
- s. 193(7F)(ab) words substituted by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(9)(b)
- s. 193(7AA) words inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(5)(b)
- s. 193(7AA) words repealed by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(5)(a) Sch. 25 Pt. 22

- s. 193(7AA)(a) words substituted by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(5)(c)
- s. 193(7AB)(a) words inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(6)(a)
- s. 193(7AB)(c) and word inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(6)(b)
- s. 193(7AC) words substituted by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(7)
- s. 193(10)-(12) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 148(11)
- s. 193(10) words substituted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 10(a)
- s. 193(12) omitted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 10(b)
- s. 193A-193C inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 7(1)
- s. 195(4B) words substituted by 2011 c. 20 s. 149(3)(b)
- s. 195A inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 149(4)
- s. 195A(3)(4) omitted by 2017 c. 13 s. 4(4)(a)
- s. 195A(5) words omitted by 2017 c. 13 s. 4(4)(b)
- s. 195A(6) words omitted by 2017 c. 13 s. 4(4)(c)
- s. 198(A1) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(8)
- s. 198(2ZA) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 149(6)
- s. 198(4A) inserted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 11(a)
- s. 198(5A) inserted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 11(c)
- s. 199(8)-(11) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 8
- s. 199A inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(9)
- s. 200(1A) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 5(10)(c)
- s. 201A inserted by 2014 anaw 7 Sch. 3 para. 13
- s. 202(1)(g) words substituted by 2011 c. 20 s. 149(9)
- s. 202(1)(h) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 9(2)(d)
- s. 202(1)(ba)-(bc) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 9(2)(b)
- s. 202(1B) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 9(3)
- s. 205(3) inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 6
- s. 213B inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 10
- s. 214A inserted by 2017 c. 13 s. 11
- s. 218A(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 104(2)
- s. 218A(7)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 104(3)(a)
- s. 219(4)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 105(2)(b)
- s. 219(4A) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 105(3)
- s. 220A inserted by 2015 c. 20 s. 48
- Sch. 1 para. 24(7) added by 2011 nawm 5 s. 80(3)
- Sch. 1 para. 26(5) added by 2011 nawm 5 s. 82(4)
- Sch. 1 para. 15B and cross-heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 72
- Sch. 1 para. 15C inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 73
- Sch. 1 para. 15D inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 74
- Sch. 1 para. 15E inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 75
- Sch. 1 para. 15F inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 76
- Sch. 1 para. 15G inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 77
- Sch. 1 para. 15H inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 78
- Sch. 1 para. 19B inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 43
- Sch. 1 para. 19C inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 44
- Sch. 1 para. 19D inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 45
- Sch. 1 para. 19E inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 46
- Sch. 1 para. 19F inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 47
- Sch. 1 para. 19G inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 48
- Sch. 1 para. 23(2A) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 79
- Sch. 1 para. 24(3A) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 80(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 25(4A) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 81(1)
- Sch. 1 para. 26(1A) inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 82(3)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 3A heading inserted by 2011 nawm 5 s. 43
- Sch. 1 para. 17(2) substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 65(12)(b)
- Sch. 1 para. 17(4)(b) substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 65(12)(c)
- Sch. 1 para. 17(5) substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 65(12)(d)
- Sch. 1 para. 18A(2)(b) words substituted by 2011 c. 25 Sch. 7 para. 72(4)
- Sch. 1 para. 15H(1)(b) words substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 65(10)(a)

- Sch. 1 para. 15H(3) words substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 65(10)(b)
- Sch. 1 para. 15H(4) words substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 65(10)(c)
- Sch. 1 para. 17(1) words substituted by 2014 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 65(12)(a)
- Sch. 1 para. 15H(5) words substituted by S.I. 2013/496 Sch. 11 para. 5(1)para. 5(2)(f)
- Sch. 2 para. 1(1A) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 181(4)(b)
- Sch. 2 para. 7A-7D and cross-headings inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 180(1)
- Sch. 2 para. 10A and cross-heading inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 182(8)
- Sch. 2 para. 11(1A)-(1C) inserted by 2011 c. 20 s. 181(4)(c)
- Sch. 18 para. 2(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2010/866 Sch. 2 para. 107

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Housing Act 1996

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- S.I. 2010/862 art. 2 3 commences (2008 c. 17)
- S.I. 2011/1725 Sch. para. 6 commences ()
- S.I. 2011/1728 art. 2 Sch. 1 commences (2006 c. 50)