



# Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

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### PART 5

#### LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

##### *Meaning of “house in multiple occupation”*

#### **128 Relationships**

- (1) Persons are to be treated as being in the same family as, and as being related to, each other for the purposes of this Part only if—
  - (a) they are a couple,
  - (b) one of them is a relative of the other, or
  - (c) one of them is a relative of one member of a couple and the other is a relative of the other member of that couple.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
  - (a) a “couple” means two persons who—
    - (i) are married or are civil partners, or
    - (ii) live together as husband and wife or, where they are of the same sex, in an equivalent relationship,
  - (b) “relative” means parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece,
  - (c) a relationship by the half-blood is to be treated as a relationship of the whole blood,
  - (d) the stepchild of a person is to be treated as that person’s child, and
  - (e) a person brought up or treated by another person as if the person were that other person’s child (including any person placed with that other person, or with that other person’s family, under section 26(1)(a) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36)) is to be treated as that other person’s child.