



# Homelessness Act 2002

## CHAPTER 7

### HOMELESSNESS ACT 2002

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — Minor and consequential amendments

- 1 *Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)*
- 2 *Housing Act 1996 (c. 52)*
- 3 (1) In section 161 (allocation only to qualifying persons), for...
- 4 In section 168(3) (information about allocation schemes), for the words...
- 5 In section 170 (co-operation between registered social landlords and local...
- 6 In section 174 (index of defined expressions), after the entry...
- 7 (1) In section 185 (persons from abroad not eligible for...
- 8 In section 188(3) (interim duty to accommodate in case of...
- 9 In section 190(2)(b) and (3) (provision of advice and assistance),...
- 10 At the end of section 190 there is inserted—
- 11 In section 192(2) (provision of advice and assistance), for the...
- 12 After subsection (3) of section 192 (as inserted by section...
- 13 In section 193 (duty to persons with priority need who...
- 14 In section 195 (duties in case of threatened homelessness)—
- 15 In section 200 (cases considered for referral to another local...
- 16 In section 202(1)(b) (right to request review of decision), for...
- 17 In section 204 (right of appeal to county court)—
- 18 In section 205(2) (meaning of the authority’s “housing functions under...
- 19 For section 209 (discharge of duties through arrangements with private...
- 20 In section 217(1) (minor definitions) before the definition of “relevant...
- 21 In section 218 (index of defined expressions)—

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Repeals

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 7(5) repealed by [2011 c. 20 Sch. 25 Pt. 22](#)
- s. 8(1) words repealed by [2011 c. 20 Sch. 25 Pt. 22](#)