

The Coronavirus (Rights and Support) Act (Housing) Regulations 2021

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 185(2) of the Housing Act 1996 and section 42 of the Coronavirus (Rights and Support) Act 2021 makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—These Regulations may be cited as the Coronavirus (Rights and Support) Act (Housing) Regulations 2021.

2.— These Regulations come into force on [DATE].

Temporary eligibility of persons homeless as a result of a requirement to self-isolate while occupying overcrowded accommodation

3.— Any person (P) who is subject to immigration control within the meaning of the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 shall be eligible for assistance under section 185 of the Housing Act 1996 for the duration of any period in which P is homeless (for the purposes of section 175 of the Housing Act 1996) for the duration of the coronavirus response.

Provision of basic facilities to Gypsy and Traveller encampments

4.— (1) A local authority shall have the duty within their area to provide any services or facilities for the health of residents on land where a movable structure, vehicle, or vessel designed or adapted for human habitation is brought, whether for temporary purposes or for use as permanent residences.

(2) In this section:

“services or facilities” includes toilets, refuse skips and a supply of drinking water.

“moveable structure, vehicle, or vessel designed or adapted for human habitation” has the same meaning as s.175 2 (b) of the Housing Act 1996.

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

[Signature]
Minister of State
Department for Communities and Local Government

[Date]

The Homelessness (Coronavirus) Order 2021

Preamble

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 177(3)(a), 189(2)(a) and 210(2)(b) of the Housing Act 1996, makes the following Order.

1. Citation and commencement

This Order may be cited as the Homelessness (Coronavirus) Order 2021 and shall come into force on [DATE].

2. Deemed priority need during coronavirus pandemic

(1) During the relevant period, every applicant for assistance under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 has a priority need for accommodation.

(2) For the purposes of this article, the relevant period is the period beginning with [DATE] and ending on [DATE].

3. Deemed unsuitability of overcrowded accommodation for people self-isolating

For the purposes of application of Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 to any person (P), accommodation shall not be regarded as suitable for P, nor reasonable for P to continue to occupy, at any time when:

(a) P is required to self-isolate in accordance with the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1045) (as defined in regulation 2(3) of those Regulations); and

(b) The relevant accommodation is overcrowded, as defined in section 324 of the Housing Act 1985.

4. Deemed unsuitability of accommodation as a result of significant risk of domestic violence

(1) For the purposes of any application under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 made during the relevant period, accommodation shall not be regarded reasonable for any person (P) to continue to occupy if there is a significant risk that continued occupation will lead to domestic violence against P or against:

(a) a person who normally resides with P as a member of P's family, or

(b) any other person who might reasonably be expected to reside with P.

(2) For this purpose "violence" and "domestic violence" shall have the meanings ascribed in section 177 of the Housing Act 1996; "domestic abuse" shall have the meaning ascribed in the Domestic Abuse Bill; and a significant risk is one that is more than minor or trivial.

(3) For the purposes of this article, the relevant period is the period beginning with [DATE] and ending on [DATE].

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

[Signature]
Minister of State
Department for Communities and Local Government

[Date]

The Local Government (Emergencies) (Coronavirus) Order 2021

Preamble

The Secretary of State in exercise of the power conferred by section 138(8) of the Local Government Act 1972, makes the following Order.

1. Citation and commencement

This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Emergencies) (Coronavirus) Order 2021 and shall come into force on **[DATE]**.

2. Prescription of period for the purposes of section 138(8) of the Local Government Act 1972

The period prescribed for the purposes of section 138(8) of the Local Government Act 1972 shall be the period beginning on **[DATE]** and ending on **[DATE]**.

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

[Signature]
Minister of State
Department for Communities and Local Government

[Date]

The Civil Procedure (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Rules 2021

The Civil Procedure Rule Committee, having power under section 2 of the Civil Procedure Act 1997 to make rules of court under section 1 of that Act, and having fulfilled the requirements of section 2(6) of that Act, makes the following Rules.

1. Citation and Commencement

These Rules may be cited as the Civil Procedure (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Rules 2021 and come into force on [DATE].

2. Amendment of the Procedure Rules 1998

In Part 55 of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998, in rule 55.29, in paragraph (1)—

(a) for "19th September 2020", substitute "[DATE]"; and

(b) for "20th September 2020", substitute "[DATE]".

[Signatures etc]