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SL(6)546 – <u>The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness</u> (Eligibility) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Procedure: Affirmative

The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (the "2014 Regulations") provide for certain categories of persons from abroad to be eligible or ineligible for an allocation of housing accommodation.

These Regulations amend the 2014 Regulations to extend eligibility for an allocation of housing accommodation and housing assistance provided by local authorities to people subject to immigration control who are victims of transnational marriage abandonment ("TMA"). TMA is a form of domestic abuse involving controlling and coercive behaviour. It refers to the practice whereby the sponsoring partner or their family members, abandons or strands the visa dependent partner abroad, usually without financial resources, usually with the aim of preventing their return to the UK.

These Regulations also make those individuals whose No Recourse to Public Funds ("NRPF") condition has been lifted by the Home Office eligible for an allocation of housing and for homelessness assistance in Wales. NRPF conditions generally make individuals ineligible to claim certain benefits and credits provided by the State.

These Regulations also amend the 2014 Regulations to remove redundant references to the Accession of Croatia (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2013.

Parent Act: Housing Act 1996, Housing (Wales) Act 2014

Date Made:

Date Laid:

Coming into force date: 20 December 2024



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SL(6)547 – <u>The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales)</u> (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Procedure: Made Negative

The Local Government Finance Act 1988 requires billing authorities in Wales to pay nondomestic rating contributions to the Welsh Ministers. The Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) Regulations 1992 ("the 1992 Regulations") prescribe the rules for calculating these non-domestic rating contributions.

Amendments are made annually to Schedule 4 to the 1992 Regulations which sets out the adult population figures for each billing authority to ensure that the basis for calculating contributions from billing authorities to the rates pool remains up to date. These Regulations update the adult population figures in that Schedule.

These Regulations also make consequential amendments to Schedules 1 and 2 of the 1992 Regulations, which include minor changes that have the effect of treating discretionary relief for community amateur sports clubs ("CASCs") in the same way as that for charities, for the purposes of deductions from contributions.

Parent Act: Local Government Finance Act 1988, Localism Act 2011

Date Made: 11 November 2024

Date Laid: 13 November 2024

Coming into force date: 31 December 2024



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