

2010 No. 353

HOUSING

**The Introductory Tenancies (Abandonment Notice) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2010**

Made - - - - - *14th October 2010*

Coming into operation - *17th December 2010*

The Department for Social Development^(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 19A(3) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003^(b):

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Introductory Tenancies (Abandonment Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and shall come into operation on 17th December 2010.

The notice

2. The following notice is prescribed for the purposes of Article 19A(3) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003—

^(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

^(b) S.I. 2003/412 (N.I. 2); Article 19A was inserted by section 9(3) of the Housing (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 9)

THE HOUSING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003, ARTICLE 19A(3)

NOTICE TO BE SERVED BY A LANDLORD WHERE A DWELLING-HOUSE
HELD UNDER AN INTRODUCTORY TENANCY APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN ABANDONED

To:

The Housing Executive having its District Office / [insert name of registered housing association] having its office*

at.....

being the landlord

of.....

.....
which you hold as an introductory tenant, hereby gives you notice, in accordance with Article 19A(3) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, that it has reason to believe that the dwelling-house is unoccupied and that you do not intend to occupy it as your home.

If you do intend to occupy the dwelling-house as your home, you are required to inform the landlord in writing at the above address within 4 weeks of the service of this notice.

If it appears to the landlord at the end of the said period of 4 weeks that you do not intend to occupy the dwelling-house as your home, the introductory tenancy will be terminated forthwith.

Signed.....

(Print name).....

On behalf of.....

Address.....

Telephone number.....

Date.....

*Delete as applicable

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 14th October 2010



Heather Cousins
A senior officer of the
Department for Social Development

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe the form of notice to be served by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive or a registered housing association where the landlord, having reasonable grounds for believing that a dwelling-house let under an introductory tenancy is unoccupied and that the tenant does not intend to occupy it as their home, has entered the dwelling-house and wishes to take possession of it.

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