

2015 No. 380 (W. 39) (C. 21)

HOUSING, WALES

**The Housing (Wales) Act 2014
(Commencement No. 2) Order 2015**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order brings into force on 25 February 2015 Part 3 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (“the Act”), except sections 103 and 104 and brings section 106 into force for remaining purposes. The order also commences consequential amendments in Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the Act (relating to Gypsies and Travellers).

This is the second commencement order made by the Welsh Ministers under the Act.

Article 2 commences, for all purposes, sections 101, 102, 105, 107 to 110 and Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the Act. Article 2(d) brings section 106 into force for remaining purposes.

Section 101 requires local housing authorities to carry out assessments of the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers living in, or from time to time visiting, their area.

Section 102 provides that local housing authorities must submit a report to the Welsh Ministers for approval of the authority’s assessment of the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers residing in or resorting to its area.

Section 105 requires local housing authorities upon request to provide the Welsh Ministers with such information to enable them to exercise their functions under Part 3 of the Act.

Section 106 requires local housing authorities, in the exercise of their functions under Part 3 of the Act, to have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers under this section.

Section 107 sets out the duties placed on local housing authorities in respect of the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers where a local housing

authority prepares a housing strategy under section 87 of the Local Government Act 2003.

Section 108 defines key expressions used in Part 3 of the Act.

Section 109 provides a power for the Welsh Ministers to amend the definition of Gypsies and Travellers under section 108 and to make consequential amendments to the Mobile Homes (Wales) Act 2013 to reflect further changes to the definition.

Section 110 introduces Part 2 of Schedule 3 which makes consequential amendments relating to Part 3 of the Act.

**NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT
ORDERS**

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force to their fullest extent (unless indicated otherwise) by commencement order made before the date of this Order:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. Number</i>
Section 2 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 3 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 5 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 6 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 7 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 8 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 10 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 12 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 14 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 15 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 16 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 19 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 20 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 21 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 23 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 29 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 34 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 40 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 41 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 42 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 46 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)

Section 49 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 50 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 57 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 59 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 64 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 72 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 78 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 80 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 81 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 86 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 95 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 98 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 99 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 106 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Sections 111 to 128	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 130 and Part 3 of Schedule 3	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 131(4)(c)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 137	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 140	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 141 and Part 5 of Schedule 3	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Section 144	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)
Paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (partially)	1 December 2014	2014/3127 (W. 316)

See also section 145(1) of the Act for the provisions which came into force on the day the Act received Royal Assent and section 145(2) for those provisions which came into force 2 months after the Act received Royal Assent.

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Made

23 February 2015

The Welsh Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 145(3) of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014(1).

Title and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of this Order is the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015.

(2) In this Order “the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

Appointed day

2. 25 February 2015 is the appointed day for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) section 101 (assessment of accommodation needs);
- (b) section 102 (report following assessment);
- (c) section 105 (provision of information upon request);
- (d) section 106 (guidance) so far as it is not yet in force;
- (e) section 107 (duties in relation to housing strategies);
- (f) section 108 (interpretation);
- (g) section 109 (power to amend definition of Gypsies and Travellers); and
- (h) section 110 (consequential amendments) and Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the Act.

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one of the Welsh Ministers

23 February 2015