

## Housing Corporation Circular

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*Note: 'Housing association' is used as a generic term for registered social landlords. 'Corporation' means Housing Corporation.*

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**Title:** Revisions to deregistration criteria for registered social landlords

**Summary:** Informs registered social landlords (RSLs) of the revised criteria that should be satisfied when seeking removal from the Register of Social Landlords, with effect from 2 April 2002.

**This Circular Is For The Attention Of:**

*(tick to indicate which)*

- Registered Social Landlords; more than 250 properties
- ✓ Registered Social Landlords; less than 250 properties
- ✓ Registered Co-ownership Societies
- ✓ Registered Co-ownership Equity Sharing Societies
- ✓ Almshouse Charities
- ✓ Abbeyfield Societies
- Co-operatives
- Local Authorities
- Registered Social Landlords' Auditors
- Registered Social Landlords' Solicitors

- **Relevant Legislation:**

Housing Act 1996, section 5(2)

- **Regulation and/or Policy Requirements:**

Regulatory arrangements for small associations (RASA) regime

- **This circular replaces circular number:**

Circular R4-38/9

## **Housing Corporation Circular**

### **1 Definitions**

*Deregistration criteria*: criteria permitting RSLs to be removed from the register in certain circumstances.

### **2 Corporation Expectations and/or Policy**

In keeping with our regulatory requirements and to reduce our regulatory burden for RSLs, we have revised our deregistration criteria. This results in more RSLs being eligible to apply for deregistration and continues to reflect the twin priorities of safeguarding publicly funded assets and protecting residents' interests.

The criteria for deregistration and how to apply are set out in full in '*Deregistration Criteria and Associated Guidance for RSLs*' – attached.

### **3 Assessing Compliance**

Compliance with the criteria will be assessed at time of application.

### **4 Enquiries about this circular should be directed to:**

The RASA team in the appropriate field office.

Initial enquiries about co-ownerships should be directed to Jenny Goodwin, Co-ownership Adviser, 01204 885640