

# Housing Act 1996 Section 189

## 189 Priority need for accommodation.

- 1) The following have a priority need for accommodation—
  - a) a pregnant woman or a person with whom she resides or might reasonably be expected to reside;
  - b) a person with whom dependent children reside or might reasonably be expected to reside;
  - c) a person who is vulnerable as a result of old age, mental illness or handicap or physical disability or other special reason, or with whom such a person resides or might reasonably be expected to reside;
  - d) a person who is homeless or threatened with homelessness as a result of an emergency such as flood, fire or other disaster.
- 2) The Secretary of State may by order—
  - a) specify further descriptions of persons as having a priority need for accommodation, and
  - b) amend or repeal any part of subsection (1).
- 3) Before making such an order the Secretary of State shall consult such associations representing relevant authorities, and such other persons, as he considers appropriate.
- 4) No such order shall be made unless a draft of it has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1**Ss. 183-218 modified (3.4.1997) by [S.I. 1997/797](#), **art.2(1)**

### Commencement Information

**I1**S. 189 wholly in force 20.1.1997: s. 189 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 232(1)-(3); s. 189(2)-(4) in force at 1.10.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2402](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in the [Sch.](#)); s. 189 in force at 20.1.1997 to the extent it is not already in force by [S.I. 1996/2959](#), **art. 2**