

LANDLORDS AND TENANTS – Important changes to EVICTION NOTICES to help tackle the Coronavirus outbreak

Temporary changes have been brought into force which apply to **section 21 of the Housing Act 1988**. These changes mean that from 29 August, landlords must provide at least 6 months' notice period prior to seeking possession through the courts in most cases, including section 21 evictions and rent arrears under 6 months

Temporary changes have also been made to **Section 8 of the Housing Act 1988**. The stay on possession proceedings has been extended until 20 September, meaning that in total no tenant can have been legally evicted for 6 months at the height of the pandemic.

For more information on the Coronavirus Act 2020 and how it affects evictions and proceedings go to:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2020/7/schedule/29>

These changes will apply until 31st March 2021, although this period could be amended if deemed necessary.