

Emergency Rent Freeze and Eviction Ban Becomes Law in Scotland

Temporary state-dictated rent controls become law until at least March 2023 in Scotland.

The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) Act gives ministers temporary power to cap rent increases for public and private rented properties, as well as for student accommodation.

The Scottish government says this is to help with the cost of living crisis. The Bill received Royal Assent on Friday, understood to be the first piece of Holyrood legislation to be given so by King Charles III.

The emergency law applies to in-tenancy rent increases, with the cap set at zero percent from 6 Sept. 2022 until at least 31 March 2023, effectively freezing rents for most tenants during this period.

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