



**Bille na dTithe (Tréimhsí Feithimh maidir le hÍocaíocht
Cúnaimh Tithíochta) (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha)
(Leasú), 2021**

**Housing (Housing Assistance Payment Waiting Times)
(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2021**

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Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to set out new statutory deadlines for processing Housing Assistance Payment applications and social housing assessment applications. The bill will halve the current social housing assessment times and set a 3-week deadline for Housing Assistance Payment processing times.

Provisions of the bill

Section 1 is the standard short title and citation section which provides for the right of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to commence the enacted bill on a set date of his or her choosing.

Section 2 defines certain terms used in the bill.

Section 3 of the bill revokes Regulation 12 (1) of S.I. 84/2011 which currently sets out a 12-week statutory timeframe for processing applications.

Section 4 amends section 20 (4) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 by setting a new 3-week timeframe for processing social housing assessments.

Section 5 amends section 43 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (the 'Principal Act') so as to set out a statutory timeframe of 3 weeks for processing a Housing Assistance Payment by the relevant local authority. There is no such time frame currently.

Costs

There are no additional costs to the exchequer anticipated under this bill.

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