



An Bille um Pas Tithíochta Sóisialta, 2026
Social Housing Passport Bill 2026

Mar a tionscnaíodh

As initiated



AN BILLE UM PAS TITHÍOCHTA SÓISIALTA, 2026
SOCIAL HOUSING PASSPORT BILL 2026

Mar a tionscnaíodh

As initiated

CONTENTS

Section

1. Definition
2. Amendment of section 20 of Principal Act
3. Short title

ACT REFERRED TO

Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (No. 22)



AN BILLE UM PAS TITHÍOCHTA SÓISIALTA, 2026
SOCIAL HOUSING PASSPORT BILL 2026

Bill

entitled

An Act to allow the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to introduce a social housing passport in order to allow households on social housing waiting lists, or in receipt of social housing support, to transfer their social housing file, or their social housing support, to another local authority based on criteria set out in regulations laid down by the Minister. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows: 10

Definition

1. In this Act, “Principal Act” means Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

Amendment of section 20 of Principal Act

2. Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (10): 15

“(11) (a) The Minister may make regulations providing for households on Local Authority social housing waiting lists or in receipt of social housing support to transfer their list position or social housing support to another Local Authority based on but not necessarily limited to the following criteria: 20

(i) employment;

(ii) education;

(iii) medical treatment;

(iv) domestic or gender-based violence;

(v) exceptional or compassionate grounds, 25

(b) the Ministers regulations may also set out procedures for the prioritisation of urgent social housing passport applications in cases where there is a threat to the life or safety of the applicant including in cases involving domestic and gender-based violence,

(c) following consultation with the relevant Minister in the Northern Ireland Executive, the Minister may bring forward further 30

regulations to allow the social housing passport to operate on an all-Ireland basis.”.

Short title

- 3.** This Act may be cited as Social Housing Passport Act 2026.

BILLE

(mar a tionscnaíodh)

dá ngairtear

Acht dá cheadú don Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht pas tithíochta sóisialta a thabhairt isteach chun a cheadú do theaghlaigh atá ar liostaí feithimh le haghaidh tithíocht shóisialta, nó a fhaigheann tacaíocht do thithíocht shóisialta, a gcomhad tithíochta sóisialta, nó an tacaíocht a faigheann siad do thithíocht shóisialta, a aistriú chuig Údarás Áitiúil eile bunaithe ar chritéir a bheidh leagtha amach i rialacháin a bheidh leagtha síos ag an Aire.

An Teachta Eoin Ó Broin, Marc an Bháird agus
Laoise Ní Raghallaigh a thug isteach,
12 Feabhra, 2026

BILL

(as initiated)

entitled

An Act to allow the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to introduce a social housing passport in order to allow households on social housing waiting lists, or in receipt of social housing support, to transfer their social housing file, or their social housing support, to another local authority based on criteria set out in regulations laid down by the Minister.

Introduced by Deputies Eoin Ó Broin, Mark Ward
and Louise O'Reilly,
12th February, 2026

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
ARNA FHOILSIÚ AG OIFIG AN tSOLÁTHAIR
Le ceannach díreach ó
FOILSEACHÁIN RIALTAIS,
BÓTHAR BHAILE UÍ BHEOLÁIN, CILL MHAIGHNEANN,
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH 8, D08 XAO6.
Teil: 046 942 3100
r-phost: publications@opw.ie
nó trí aon díoltóir leabhar.

DUBLIN
PUBLISHED BY THE STATIONERY OFFICE
To be purchased from
GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS,
MOUNTSHANNON ROAD, KILMAINHAM,
DUBLIN, D08 XAO6.
Tel: 046 942 3100
Email: publications@opw.ie
or through any bookseller.

€0.76

