

Certificate of completion of work

Issued by the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber)

Under section 60 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Case Reference Number: FTS/HPC/RT/17/0019

Re: Flat 2/1, 39 Annette Street, Glasgow G42 8EH ("the house")

Land Register Title No: GLA84901

The Parties:-

Glasgow City Council – DRS Housing and Regeneration Services, Samaritan House, 3rd floor, 79 Coplaw Street, Glasgow G42 7JG ("the third-party applicant")

Mr Rana Mohammed Aslam and Mrs Nasreen Mohammed Aslam, 66 Rossendale Road, Glasgow G41 3RH ("the landlords")

Mr Tibor Gabor, residing at the house ("the tenant") (non-participating party)

Tribunal Member – Sarah O'Neill (Chairing member)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ('the tribunal') hereby certifies that the work required by the **Repairing Standard Enforcement Order** relative to the house dated 4 April 2017 and issued by the tribunal on 18 April 2017 has been completed. Accordingly, the said Repairing Standard Enforcement Order relative to the house has been discharged.

A landlord, tenant or third party applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Tribunal may appeal to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland on a point of law only. Before an appeal can be made to the Upper Tribunal, the party must first seek permission to appeal from the First-tier Tribunal. That party must seek permission to appeal within 30 days of the date the decision was sent to them.

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In witness whereof these presents printed on this and the previous page are executed by Sarah O'Neill, solicitor, chairperson of the First-tier Tribunal (Housing and Property Chamber), at Glasgow on the thirteenth day of September 2017 before this witness:

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Housing and Property Chamber First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



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- The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ('the tribunal') issued a Repairing Standard Enforcement Order (RSEO) in respect of the house dated 4 April 2017, and issued to the parties on 18 April 2017.
- 2. The RSEO required the landlords to:
 - Instruct a suitably qualified and registered SELECT or NICEIC electrical contractor, or a member of NAPIT, to carry out an electrical safety inspection at the house.
 - Should the electrical safety inspection identify any Category 1 or Category 2 observations, ensure that any necessary work is carried out by a suitably qualified contractor to address these observations and ensure that the electrical installation is in a reasonable state of repair and in proper working order.

- Provide an up to date Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) in respect of the house by a suitably qualified and registered SELECT or NICEIC electrical contractor, or a member of NAPIT, showing that all electrical installations, fixtures and fittings and all appliances have been checked and are working safely.
- 4. Instruct a Gas Safe registered engineer to carry out any works required within the house to ensure that the protective equipotential bonding is working safely, and is in a reasonable state of repair and in proper working order.
- 5. Provide an up to date gas safety certificate (dated after 18 January 2017) in respect of the house by a Gas Safe registered engineer, showing that all gas installations and appliances, including the protective equipotential bonding have been checked and are working safely.

The tribunal ordered that the works specified in the RSEO must be carried out and completed within the period of 21 days from the date of service of the RSEO.

- 3. Following the issue of the RSEO, an email was received from the landlords' agent, AVJ Homes, enclosing an EICR dated 2 May 2017 in respect of the house. The EICR was carried out by T. Walsh Contracts, Ayr, a SELECT registered contractor, who assessed the electrical installation as satisfactory, and made no observations or recommendations for actions to be taken. The tribunal was satisfied that items 1,2 and 3 of the RSEO had been completed. No further correspondence was received from the landlords prior to the deadline for compliance with the RSEO.
- 4. The tribunal caseworker wrote to the landlords and their representative on 15 May 2017, noting that they had not provided evidence of compliance with items 4 and 5 of the RSEO; asking them to confirm whether these items had been completed; and if so, asking them to send the tribunal a copy of the up to date gas safety certificate by 29 May 2017.
- 5. An emailed response was received from the landlords' agent on 16 May, enclosing a copy of the gas safety certificate in respect of the house dated 5 January 2017, which had previously been considered by the tribunal. This certificate showed that the protective equipotential bonding failed the gas safety inspection. This was the reason why the tribunal found that the gas installation within the property failed to meet the repairing standard, and therefore included items 4 and 5 in the RSEO. Providing a further copy of this certificate did not therefore comply with items 4 and 5 of the RSEO.

- 6. The tribunal therefore issued a direction to the landlords on 5 June 2017, requiring them to provide evidence of compliance with items 4 and 5 of the RSEO by 23 June 2017.
- 7. An email was received from Mr Mohammed Aslam, one of the landlords, on 15 June, stating that he was having difficulty in gaining entry to the house to get works carried out, and asking the tribunal to arrange for access. The tribunal caseworker replied to him on 21 June, advising that it was the landlords' responsibility to arrange entry to the property, and providing information about the tribunal's right of entry application process. No further correspondence was received from the landlords after that date.
- 8. The tribunal issued a further direction to the parties on 27 July 2017, stating that it was minded to issue a Failure to Comply decision, and asking the parties to confirm by 18 August whether they thought a) that a Rent Relief Order should be issued by the tribunal, and b) if so, what percentage reduction they thought would be appropriate. At the same time, the tribunal wrote to the tenant, as a non-participating party who would be directly affected by any decision regarding a Rent Relief Order, asking for his views on the same issues. This was an evidence enquiry in terms of Schedule 2 Paragraph 3 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.
- 9. On 7 August 2017, two emails were received from the landlords' agent. The first email to the tribunal attached a gas safety certificate in respect of the house dated 4 August 2017. The second was a forwarded email sent to the landlord, enclosing the certificate and pointing out that the gas engineer had made some comments, and suggesting that the issues identified should be rectified to ensure that they were working safely and in a correct working manner.
- 10. The gas safety certificate was provided by Mr John Sandar of All Cisterns Go, Johnstone, who is a Gas Safe registered engineer. While the certificate identified two defects relating to the hob and the grill, it found that the overall gas installation and appliances was working safely. It also stated that the protective equipotential bonding was satisfactory.
- 11. On 6 September 2017, the tribunal sent copies of the two emails of 7 August 2017, together with the gas safety certificate, to Mr John Dundas, Community Relations Officer with the third-party applicant, requesting any comments on these before making a decision. A reply was received by email from Mr Dundas on 8 September, commenting that the repairs to the hob and grill should be resolved, given the emphasis of the legislation on tenant safety.

were included in the third-party applicant's original application. The complaint which was made in the application in relation to the previous gas safety certificate (dated 5 January 2017) related to the protective equipotential bonding. The new gas safety certificate confirms that the bonding is now satisfactory. The tribunal further notes that no defects were noted on the gas certificate dated 5 January 2017 with regard to the hob and grill. These issues were not considered by the tribunal at its previous inspection and hearing, as they had not been raised. Indeed, they may have arisen during the period between that inspection and hearing and 7 August 2017.

- 13. The tribunal is therefore unable to require the landlords to rectify these matters, although it notes that it would be open to the third-party applicant or the tenant to make a further application to the tribunal regarding these issues. The tribunal therefore considers that items 4 and 5 of the RSEO have been completed satisfactorily, albeit some time after the initial deadline for compliance.
- 14. The tribunal therefore determined that the works required by the RSEO have been completed satisfactorily, and that the appropriate Certificate of Completion in terms of section 60 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 should be issued.

Rights of Appeal

- 15. In terms of section 46 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014, a party aggrieved by the decision of the tribunal may appeal to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland on a point of law only. Before an appeal can be made to the Upper Tribunal, the party must first seek permission to appeal from the First-tier Tribunal. That party must seek permission to appeal within 30 days of the date the decision was sent to them.
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