

# Charities Act 2006

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# **CHARITIES ACT 2006**

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Part 1 — NEW PART 8A OF AND SCHEDULE 5B TO 1993 ACT

- 1 After Part 8 of the 1993 Act insert the following...
- 2 After the Schedule 5A inserted in the 1993 Act by...

Part 2 — OTHER AMENDMENTS OF 1993 ACT

- 3 The 1993 Act is further amended as follows.
- 4 In section 45 (annual reports), after subsection (3A) insert—

5 6 7	In section 48 (annual returns), in subsection (1A), at the In section 86 (regulations and orders)— (a) in subsection (2), In section 97 (general interpretation), in subsection (1), at the
SC	CHEDULE 8 — Minor and consequential amendments
	Literary and Scientific Institutions Act 1854 (c. 112)
1	
	Places of Worship Registration Act 1855 (c. 81)
2	
	Bishops Trusts Substitution Act 1858 (c. 71)
3 4 5	The Bishops Trusts Substitution Act 1858 has effect subject to In section 1 (substitution of one bishop for another as In section 3 (how costs are to be defrayed) for
	Places of Worship Sites Amendment Act 1882 (c. 21)
6	
	Municipal Corporations Act 1882 (c. 50)
7	In section 133(2) of the Municipal Corporations Act 1882 (administration
	Technical and Industrial Institutions Act 1892 (c. 29)
8	
	Local Government Act 1894 (c. 73)
9	(1) In section 75(2) of the Local Government Act 1894
	Commons Act 1899 (c. 30)
10	In section 18 of the Commons Act 1899 (power to
	Open Spaces Act 1906 (c. 25)
11 12 13 14	The Open Spaces Act 1906 has effect subject to the In section 3(1) (transfer to local authority of spaces held (1) Section 4 (transfer by charity trustees of open space In section 21(1) (application to Ireland)— (a) for "Charity Commissioners"
	Police, Factories, &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 (c. 31)
15	(1) Section 5 of the Police, Factories, &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions)
	National Trust Charity Scheme Confirmation Act 1919 (c. lxxxiv)
16 17	The National Trust Charity Scheme Confirmation Act 1919 has effect In section 1 (confirmation of the scheme) for "Charity Commissioners"

In paragraph 3 of the scheme set out in the... 18 Settled Land Act 1925 (c. 18) 19 In section 29(3) of the Settled Land Act 1925 (charitable... Landlord and Tenant Act 1927 (c. 36) 20 In Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the Landlord... Voluntary Hospitals (Paying Patients) Act 1936 (c. 17) 21 The Voluntary Hospitals (Paying Patients) Act 1936 has effect subject... 22 In section 1 (definitions), in the definition of "Order", for... 23 (1) Section 2 (accommodation for and charges to paying patients)... In section 3(1) (provision for patients able to make some,... 24 25 In section 4 (provisions for protection of existing trusts)— 26 (1) Section 5 (power to make rules) is amended as... 27 In section 6(2) (savings)— (a) for "Charity Commissioners" substitute Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Act 1938 (c. xciii) In section 20 of the Green Belt (London and Home... The New Parishes Measure 1943 has effect subject to the... 29 30 In section 31 (charitable trusts)—(a) for "the Board of... 31 Crown Proceedings Act 1947 (c. 44) 32 In section 23(3) of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 (proceedings... London County Council (General Powers) Act 1947 (c. xlvi) 33 (1) Section 6 of the London County Council (General Powers)... London County Council (General Powers) Act 1951 (c. xli) In section 33(6) of the London County Council (General Powers)... 34 City of London (Various Powers) Act 1952 (c. vi) In section 4(6) of the City of London (Various Powers)... 35 City of London (Guild Churches) Act 1952 (c. xxxviii)

Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (No. 3)

(1) Section 34 of the London County Council (General Powers)...

London County Council (General Powers) Act 1955 (c. xxix)

38 In section 6(5) of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure...

In section 35 of the City of London (Guild Churches)...

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	Recreational Charities Act 1958 (c. 17)
39	
	Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 (No. 1)
40	Section 5 of the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 (jurisdiction
	Incumbents and Churchwardens (Trusts) Measure 1964 (No. 2)
41	The Incumbents and Churchwardens (Trusts) Measure 1964 has effect
42	subject  In addition 2(2) (graph outside Massaura applies) for "Charity
42 43	In section 2(3) (property to which Measure applies) for "Charity In section 3(6) (vesting of property in diocesan authority: saving)
44	In section 5 (provisions as to property vested in the
45	(1) The Schedule (procedure where diocesan authority is of the
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46	In section 4(2) of the Faculty Jurisdiction Measure 1964 (sale
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47	In section 7D(4) of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act
	Clergy Pensions (Amendment) Measure 1967 (No. 1)
48	In section 4(5) of the Clergy Pensions (Amendment) Measure 1967
(	Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation (Greater London Parks and Open Spaces) Act 1967 (c. xxix)
49	In article 11(3) of the order set out in the
	Redundant Churches and other Religious Buildings Act 1969 (c. 22)
50	
51 52	
	Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54)
53	In Schedule 3 to the Children and Young Persons Act
54	Synodical Government Measure 1969 (No. 2)
34	
	Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)
55	
	Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39)
56	In section 16 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (exempt
	Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (c. 65)
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58 59	The Endowments and Glebe Measure 1976 has effect subject to
60	In section 18(2) (means by which land may become diocesan)
	Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30)
61	
	Dioceses Measure 1978 (No. 1)
62 63 64	The Dioceses Measure 1978 has effect subject to the following In section 5(1) (preparation of draft scheme: meaning of "interested In section 19(4) (schemes with respect to discharge of functions
	Disused Burial Grounds (Amendment) Act 1981 (c. 18)
65	
	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (c. 30)
66	In Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act
	Administration of Justice Act 1982 (c. 53)
67	In section 41(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1982
	Pastoral Measure 1983 (No. 1)
68	The Pastoral Measure 1983 has effect subject to the following
69 70 71 72	In section 63(4) (trusts for the repair etc. of redundant In section 76(1) (grant of land for new churches etc In Schedule 3, in paragraph 11(1), (2), (6) and (7),
	Rates Act 1984 (c. 33)
73	······································
	Companies Act 1985 (c. 6)
74	The Companies Act 1985 has effect subject to the following
75 76	In Schedule 15D (permitted disclosures of information), in paragraph 21,
	Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)
77	(1) Section 6A of the Housing Act 1985 (definition of
	Housing Associations Act 1985 (c. 69)
78	In section 10(1) of the Housing Associations Act 1985 (dispositions
	Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (c. 5)
79	In section 86(4) of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (power

	Coal Industry Act 1987 (c. 3)
80	(1) Section 5 of the Coal Industry Act 1987 (coal
	Reverter of Sites Act 1987 (c. 15)
81 82	The Reverter of Sites Act 1987 has effect subject to (1) Section 2 (Charity Commissioners' schemes) is amended as follows
83 84	(1) Section 4 (provisions supplemental to sections 2 and 3) In section 5(3) (orders under section 554 of the Education
	Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40)
85	
	Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)
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	London Local Authorities Act 1991 (c. xiii)
87	
	Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13)
88	
	Charities Act 1992 (c. 41)
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89	The 1992 Act has effect subject to the following amendments
90	(1) Section 58 (interpretation of Part 2) is amended as
91	Omit Part 3 (public charitable collections).
92	In section 76(1) (service of documents) omit paragraph "(c)
93	(1) Section 77 (regulations and orders) is amended as follows
94	In section 79 (short title, commencement and extent) omit—
95	In Schedule 7 (repeals) omit the entry relating to the
	Charities Act 1993 (c. 10)
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	Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40)
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1/9	(1) Section 79 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act
	Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26)
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	Reserve Forces Act 1996 (c. 14)
181	(1) Schedule 5 to the Reserve Forces Act 1996 (charitable
	Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 (c. 47)
182	In section 6(7) of the Trusts of Land and Appointment
	Housing Act 1996 (c. 52)
183	The Housing Act 1996 has effect subject to the following
184	In section 3(3) (registration as social landlord) for "Charity
	Commissioners"
185	In section 4(6) (removal from the register of social landlords)
186	In section 6(3) (notice of appeal against decision on removal)
187	In section 44(3) (consultation on proposals as to ownership and
188	In section 45(4) (service of copy of agreed proposals) for
189	In section 46(2) (notice of appointment of manager to implement
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191	(1) 0.1 1.1 1 ( 1.1 0 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1
192	(1) Schedule 1 (regulation of registered social landlords) is amended.
	School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31)
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196	In section 34 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999 (charities) for
	Trustee Act 2000 (c. 29)
197	In section 19(4) of the Trustee Act 2000 (guidance concerning

	Churchwardens Measure 2001 (No. 1)
198	
	Licensing Act 2003 (c. 17)
199	
Со	mpanies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 (c. 27,
200	The Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 has
201 202	In section 39 (existing companies: charities), in subsections (1) and In section 40 (existing companies: Scottish charities), in subsections (4)
203 204	(b) In section 54(7) (requirements for becoming a charity or a
	Pensions Act 2004 (c. 35)
205 206 207	
	Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4)
208	
	Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 10)
209 210 211	The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 has effect In section 36(1) (powers of OSCR in relation to English In section 69(2)(d)(i) (persons disqualified from being charity trustees)
	Equality Act 2006 (c. 3)
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	Section 26: offence of obstructing power of entry
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	Section 35: waiver of trustee's disqualification
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	Section 36: remuneration of trustees etc. providing services to charity
12	
	Section 38: relief from liability for breach of trust or duty
13	
	Section 44: registration of charity mergers
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	Section 67: statements relating to fund-raising
15	The amendments made by section 67 apply in relation to
	Section 72: Disclosure of information to and by Northern Ireland regulator
16	In relation to an offence committed in England and Wales
	Schedule 6: group accounts
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	Schedule 8: minor and consequential amendments
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# Schedule 9: savings on repeal of provisions of Charities Act 1960

- 21 (1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the coming into...
  22 The repeal by this Act of section 39(2) of the...
  23 The repeal by this Act of section 48(1) of and
- 23 The repeal by this Act of section 48(1) of, and...
- 24 .....
- 25 Despite the repeal by this Act of section 48(4) of...
- 27 The repeal by this Act of the Charities Act 1960...

Schedule 9: savings on repeal of provisions of Charities Act 1992

28 The repeal by this Act of section 49 of, and...

Schedule 9: repeal of certain repeals made by Charities Acts 1960 and 1992

29 (1) It is hereby declared that (in accordance with sections...

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