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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 6

Section 52

#### OFFICE-HOLDERS: EXCLUDED OFFICES

##### *Work to which other provisions apply*

- 1 (1) An office or post is not a personal or public office in so far as one or more of the provisions mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) applies in relation to the office or post, or
  - (b) would apply in relation to the office or post but for the operation of some other provision of this Act.
- (2) Those provisions are—
- (a) section 39 (employment);
  - (b) section 41 (contract work);
  - (c) section 44 (partnerships).
  - (d) section 45 (LLPs);
  - (e) section 47 (barristers);
  - (f) section 48 (advocates);
  - (g) section 55 (employment services) so far as applying to the provision of work experience within section 56(2)(a) or arrangements within section 56(2)(c) for such provision.

##### *Political offices*

- 2 (1) An office or post is not a personal or public office if it is a political office.
- (2) A political office is an office or post set out in the second column of the following Table—

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| <b><i>Political setting</i></b> | <b><i>Office or post</i></b>   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Houses of Parliament            | An office of the House of Commons held by a member of that House   |
|                                 | An office of the House of Lords held by a member of that House   |
|                                 | A Ministerial office within the meaning of section 2 of the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975       |
|                                 | The office of the Leader of the Opposition within the meaning of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 |

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|  | The office of the Chief Opposition Whip, or of an Assistant Opposition Whip, within the meaning of that Act  |
| Scottish Parliament                          | An office of the Scottish Parliament held by a member of the Parliament<br>The office of a member of the Scottish Executive<br>The office of a junior Scottish Minister  |
| National Assembly for Wales                  | An office of the National Assembly for Wales held by a member of the Assembly<br>The office of a member of the Welsh Assembly Government   |
| Local government in England (outside London) | An office of a county council, district council or parish council in England held by a member of the council<br>An office of the Council of the Isles of Scilly held by a member of the Council  |
| Local government in London                   | An office of the Greater London Authority held by the Mayor of London or a member of the London Assembly<br>An office of a London borough council held by a member of the council<br>An office of the Common Council of the City of London held by a member of the Council |
| Local government in Wales                    | An office of a county council, county borough council or community council in Wales held by a member of the council  |
| Local government in Scotland                 | An office of a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 held by a member of the council<br>An office of a council established under section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 held by a member of the council     |
| Political parties                            | An office of a registered political party  |

- (3) The reference to a registered political party is a reference to a party registered in the Great Britain register under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

*Honours etc.*

- 3 A life peerage (within the meaning of the Life Peerages Act 1958), or any other dignity or honour conferred by the Crown, is not a personal or public office.

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## *[<sup>F1</sup>Bishops*

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### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Sch. 6 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted (17.11.2014) by [Bishops and Priests \(Consecration and Ordination of Women\) Measure 2014 \(No. 2\)](#), **ss. 2, 4(2)**; 2014 No. 5, art. 2

4           The office of diocesan or suffragan bishop is not a public office.]

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)