



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 1

MEANING OF “CHARITY” AND “CHARITABLE PURPOSE”

CHAPTER 2

SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THIS ACT

10 Ecclesiastical corporations etc. not charities in certain contexts

- (1) In the rest of this Act, “charity”, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, has the meaning given by section 1(1).
- (2) But in the rest of this Act (apart from Chapter 3 of Part 17) “charity” is not applicable to—
 - (a) any ecclesiastical corporation in respect of the corporate property of the corporation, except a corporation aggregate having some purposes which are not ecclesiastical in respect of its corporate property held for those purposes,
 - (b) any Diocesan Board of Finance, or any subsidiary of such a Board, in respect of the diocesan glebe land of the diocese, or
 - (c) any trust of property for purposes for which the property has been consecrated.
- (3) “Ecclesiastical corporation” means any corporation in the Church of England, whether sole or aggregate, which is established for spiritual purposes [^{F1}but does not include the Chapter of a cathedral to which the Cathedrals Measure 2021 applies].

[^{F2}(4) In this section—

“Diocesan Board of Finance” has the same meaning as “DBF” in the Church Property Measure 2018;

“diocesan glebe land” has the same meaning as in that Measure;

“subsidiary” has the same meaning as “management subsidiary” in that Measure.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 10(3) inserted (coming into force in accordance with s. 53(6)(7) of the amending Measure) by Cathedrals Measure 2021 (No. 2), s. 8(1) (with ss. 42(4), 48, 52(1))
- F2** S. 10(4) substituted (1.3.2019) by Church Property Measure 2018 (No. 8), s. 53(2), Sch. 1 para. 29; S.I. 2019/97, art. 2

11 Charitable purposes

In the rest of this Act, “charitable purposes” means, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, purposes which are exclusively charitable purposes (as defined by section 2(1)).

12 Directions as to what is (or is not) a separate charity

- (1) The Commission (see section 13) may direct that for all or any of the purposes of this Act an institution established for any special purposes of or in connection with a charity (being charitable purposes) is to be treated—
- (a) as forming part of that charity, or
 - (b) as forming a distinct charity.
- (2) The Commission may direct that for all or any of the purposes of this Act two or more charities having the same charity trustees are to be treated as a single charity.

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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. 106(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 106(1) by [2022 c. 6 s. 16\(a\)](#)
- s. 322(2)(ea) inserted by [2022 c. 6 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 331A331B and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 6 s. 15](#)