



Benefices Measure 1972

1972 No. 3

1 Additional ground for refusing to institute.

- (1) Where a clerk in Holy Orders who has not previously held a benefice or the office of vicar in a team ministry is presented to a benefice, the grounds on which the bishop may in his discretion refuse to institute or admit him to the benefice shall include the following additional ground, namely, that the presentee has had no experience or less than three years' experience as a full-time parochial minister.
- (2) Where the bishop refuses to institute or admit a presentee on the ground aforesaid, he shall signify in writing the refusal and ground thereof to the person presenting to the benefice and the presentee, and either of those persons may, within one month after the signification, appeal in writing to the archbishop of the province, who may either uphold the bishop's decision or direct him to institute or admit the presentee:
Provided that where the bishop of the diocese is an archbishop, the appeal shall lie to the archbishop of the other province.
- [^{F1}(2A) The procedure and practice on or in connection with proceedings on an appeal under subsection (2) above shall be in accordance with rules made under section 11 of the Benefices Act 1898.]
- (3) In this section—
 - “benefice” has the meaning assigned to it by section 89 of the ^{M1}Pastoral Measure 1968;
 - “bishop” means the bishop of the diocese and includes, during a vacancy in a see, the guardian of the spiritualities;
 - “parochial minister” means an assistant curate or curate in charge licensed to a parish.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(2A) inserted (1.6.1992) by Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1992 (No. 1), s. 17(1), **Sch. 3 para.11**; Instrument dated 27.5.1992 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

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