



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 11

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATIONS (CIOS)

CHAPTER 2

POWERS, CAPACITY AND PROCEDURE ETC.

217 Constitutional requirements

- (1) A CIO must use and apply its property in furtherance of its purposes and in accordance with its constitution.
- (2) If the CIO is one whose members are liable to contribute to its assets if it is wound up, its constitution binds the CIO and its members for the time being to the same extent as if its provisions were contained in a contract—
 - (a) to which the CIO and each of its members was a party, and
 - (b) which contained obligations on the part of the CIO and each member to observe all the provisions of the constitution.
- (3) Money payable by a member to the CIO under the constitution is a debt due from that member to the CIO, and is of the nature of an ordinary contract debt.

Changes to legislation:

Charities Act 2011, Section 217 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 07 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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](#)