
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015

PART 8

Archdeacon's jurisdiction

Temporary minor re-ordering

8.2.—(1) On the application of the minister and the parochial church council an archdeacon may give a licence in Form 9 authorising a scheme of temporary minor re-ordering of a church (including its fixtures and fittings) for a specified period not exceeding 15 months.

(2) A licence may not be given by the archdeacon under this rule where a parish has no minister.

(3) Before giving a licence the archdeacon must seek the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee or such of its members or officers as the archdeacon thinks fit.

(4) The archdeacon must not give a licence unless satisfied that—

(a) the scheme does not involve any material interference with or alteration to the fabric of the church or the carrying out of electrical works;

(b) it does not involve the disposal of any fixture or other article; and

(c) if the scheme involves moving any item—

(i) it will be moved by suitably competent or qualified persons;

(ii) it will be safely stored in a place approved by the archdeacon; and

(iii) it can easily be reinstated.

(5) The archdeacon may give a licence subject to any conditions that appear to the archdeacon to be necessary.

(6) The archdeacon may amend or revoke a licence.

(7) If the archdeacon refuses to give a licence, or revokes a licence, the archdeacon must inform the applicants that they may, if they wish, petition the court for a faculty authorising the proposed scheme.

(8) A copy of every licence given by the archdeacon must be sent to the registrar and the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

(9) The period specified in the licence may not be extended by the archdeacon.

(10) If a petition for a faculty in respect of the scheme authorised by the licence is submitted to the court not less than 2 months before the expiry of the period specified in the licence, the scheme is deemed to continue to be authorised by the licence until the petition is determined by the court.