

AMENDING CANON No. 29

(Of the licensing of ministers under seal, of the residence of priests on their benefices, of the licensing of deaconesses and readers, of the admission and licensing of lay workers, of the chancellor or judge of a Consistory Court, of the judges of the Arches Court of Canterbury and the Chancery Court of York and of the Representation of the Clergy in the Lower House of the Convocations)

1. Canon C 12 (of the licensing of ministers under seal) shall be amended as follows.
2. In paragraph 1(b) all the words following the words “bishop’s mission order” shall be omitted.
3. Paragraphs 5 and 6 are hereby revoked.
4. Canon C 25 (of the residence of priests on their benefices) shall be amended as follows.
5. Paragraphs 2 and 3 shall not apply to a beneficed priest who is subject to Common Tenure and after paragraph 3 there shall be inserted the following paragraph –

“3A. No beneficed priest who is subject to Common Tenure shall be absent from his benefice except in such circumstances as may be permitted by paragraph 4 or by Regulations made under section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009.”.
6. For paragraph 4 there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

“4. The bishop of the diocese may, if he considers it appropriate in all the circumstances, permit a beneficed priest to reside in a house of residence other than a parsonage, whether or not that house is situated in the benefice held by that priest.”.
7. Canon D 3 (of the licensing of deaconesses) shall be amended as follows.
8. In paragraph 1A after the word “deaconess”, and in paragraphs 3A and 3B after the word “deaconess”, in the first place where it occurs, there shall be inserted the words “who is not subject to Common Tenure”.
9. Canon E 6 (of the licensing of readers) shall be amended as follows.
10. In paragraph 1A after the word “reader”, and in paragraphs 3 and 3A, after the word “reader”, in the first place where it occurs, there shall be inserted the words “who is not subject to Common Tenure”.

11. In paragraph 2, in the form of declaration, the word “my” immediately before the words “all people” shall be omitted.
12. Canon E 8 (of the admission and licensing of lay workers) shall be amended as follows.
13. In paragraph 2A, after the words “lay worker”, and in paragraphs 5 and 5A, after the words “lay worker”, where they first appear, there shall be inserted the words “who is not subject to Common Tenure”.
14. In paragraph 2 of Canon G 2 (of the chancellor or judge of a Consistory Court) for the words “has held high judicial office” there shall be substituted the words “holds or has held high judicial office or the office of circuit judge”.
15. In paragraph 3 of Canon G 3 (of the judges of the Arches Court of Canterbury and the Chancery Court of York) for the word “general” there shall be substituted the words “High Court” and immediately before the words “has held high judicial office” there shall be inserted the words “holds or”.
16. In paragraph 5 of Canon H 2 (of the Representation of the Clergy in the Lower House of the Convocations) for “4(d)” there shall be substituted “4(e)”.
17. This Canon shall come into force as follows –
 - (a) paragraphs 1 to 5 and 7 to 13 shall come into force on the day on which section 1 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 comes into force, and
 - (b) paragraphs 6 and 14 to 17 shall come into force forthwith.