

**PARSONAGES MEASURE RULES 2000***Explanatory Memorandum*

1. The Rules are made by the Church Commissioners pursuant to the obligation placed on them by the Parsonages Measure 1938 as amended. The new Rules are needed (inter alia) to take account of the changes made by the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2000.
2. **Rules 1 to 4** deal with situations where the registered patron is incapacitated, has died, is an office holder or has appointed a donee of a power of attorney.
3. **Rule 5** gives power to the diocesan registrar to determine who is the registered patron where there is a dispute.
4. **Rule 6** deals with cases where the registered patron is absent or where it is impractical to serve notice on him.
5. **Rule 7** prescribes forms (contained in the Schedule) and makes provision for the service of notices.
6. **Rule 8** prescribes the period for the lodging of objections.
7. **Rule 9** requires the relevant Diocesan Board to send objections to the Church Commissioners for consideration within five working days of their receipt.
8. **Rule 10** provides for a shortened procedure in case of urgency.
9. **Rule 11** requires a certified copy of any assurance of land to be lodged in the diocesan registry.
10. **Rule 12** requires the Diocesan Board to have regard to advice given by the Church Commissioners in connection with procedures under the Measure. This follows the wording of a broadly similar provision at the end of section 24 of the Repair of Benefice Buildings Measure 1972, and is intended principally to refer to the Diocesan Manual which the Commissioners are to issue to dioceses

for use when the devolution provisions in the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2000 come into force. This Manual will be similar to the Code of Practice for Pastoral Measure matters and will set out recommended practice which will be updated from time to time.

11. **Rules 13 and 14** deal with interpretation, citation and commencement of the new rules and revocation of the 1938 Rules.

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