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ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND

The Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules 2024

Made (approved by General Synod) 2024

Laid before Parliament 2024

Coming into force in accordance with Rule 1(2)

The Rule Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 83 and 94 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018(a):

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules 2024.
- (2) These Rules come into force on the day after that on which they are laid before Parliament.

The Archbishops' list

2. In Rule 74 of the Clergy Discipline Rules 2005(b) (access to the Archbishops' list), in paragraph (3), after “diocesan” insert “or suffragan”.

Definition of “registrar” to include deputy etc.

- 3.—(1) Rule 106 of the Clergy Discipline Rules 2005 (interpretation) is amended as follows.
 - (2) The existing text becomes paragraph (1).
 - (3) In that paragraph, in the definition of “provincial registrar” after “the other province” insert “or, in the case of either of the provincial registrars, a person appointed under section 29(1) or (5) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018”.
 - (4) In that paragraph, in the definition of “registrar”, after “the diocesan registrar” insert “or a person appointed under section 31(1) or (5) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018”.
 - (5) In that paragraph, in the definition of “bishop”, omit “, area”.
 - (6) After that paragraph insert—

“(2) A person appointed under section 29(1) or 31(1) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 is entitled to exercise a function under these Rules of a provincial registrar or diocesan registrar whether or not the person is authorised to exercise that function under the instrument of appointment.”

(a) 2018 No. 3.

(b) S.I. 2005/2022, as amended by S.I. 2013/1917, S.I. 2016/848 and S.I. 2021/557.

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These Rules were approved by the General Synod on 2024.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules are made under section 83 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (“the 2018 Measure”) and amend the Clergy Discipline Rules 2005 (S.I. 2005/2022) (“the 2005 Rules”).

Rule 2 amends rule 74 of the 2005 Rules so as to provide for the Archbishops’ List under section 38 of the 2018 Measure to be made available to suffragan bishops as well as to diocesan bishops.

Rule 3 amends rule 106 so as to expand the definition of each of “provincial registrar” and “registrar” to include a deputy registrar or other person appointed under section 29 or 31 of the 2018 Measure. It also makes a corrective amendment to the definition of “bishop” so as to remove the unnecessary reference to area bishops.