



Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023

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PART 3

BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

CHAPTER 6

GENERAL

Supplementary

PROSPECTIVE

156 Exempt religious buildings

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations provide that a religious building used for religious purposes is an exempt religious building for the purposes of—
 - (a) sections 83 and 84 (temporary listing of building);
 - (b) section 88 (requirement for works affecting listed building to be authorised);
 - (c) section 118 (offence of intentionally damaging listed building);
 - (d) section 137 (compulsory acquisition of listed building for preservation);
 - (e) section 144 (urgent works for preservation of listed building).
- (2) For the purposes of section 88 a building is to be treated as being used for religious purposes if it would be used for those purposes but for the works in question.
- (3) Regulations under this section may—
 - (a) make provision in relation to religious buildings of a description specified in the regulations (whether by reference to a religious faith or denomination, a use made of the buildings, or any other circumstance) or in relation to a particular building;

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- (b) make provision in relation to all or part of a religious building;
 - (c) provide that a building is an exempt religious building only in relation to works of a description specified in the regulations (whether by reference to the extent of the works, the person by whom they are carried out, or any other circumstance);
 - (d) make different provision for buildings in different areas;
 - (e) make consequential amendments to any other provision of this Act.
- (4) In this section references to a religious building—
- (a) include any structure or artificial object that is fixed to a religious building or within its curtilage;
 - (b) do not include a building used, or available for use, by a minister of religion wholly or mainly as a residence from which to perform the duties of that office.

Commencement Information

II S. 156 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 212\(2\)](#)

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