



# Clerical Subscription Act 1865

1865 CHAPTER 122 28 and 29 Vict

An Act to amend the Law as to the Subscriptions and Declarations to be made and Oaths to be taken by the Clergy of the Established Church of England . . .  
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[5th July 1865]

## Textual Amendments

F1 Words omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act, 1893 \(c. 14\)](#).

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1893 \(c. 14\)](#)

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## Textual Amendments

F2 S. 1 repealed by [Church of England \(Worship and Doctrine\) Measure 1974 \(No. 3\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

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## Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 2, 3, 6 repealed by [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1976 \(No. 3\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

## 4 Subscription and oaths on ordination.

Every person about to be ordained priest or deacon shall, before ordination, in the presence of the archbishop or bishop by whom he is about to be ordained, at such time as he may appoint, . . .<sup>F4</sup> take and subscribe the oath of allegiance and supremacy . . .<sup>F5</sup>

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Clerical Subscription Act 1865. (See end of Document for details)*

**Textual Amendments**

- F4 Words repealed by Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 (No. 3), Sch. 2
- F5 Words repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1875 (c. 66)

**5 Subscription and oath on institution to benefice, or licence to perpetual curacy, &c.**

Every person about to be instituted or collated to any benefice, or to be licensed to any perpetual curacy, lectureship, or preachingship, shall, before institution or collation is made or licence granted, . . . <sup>F6</sup> take the said oath of allegiance and supremacy, in the presence of the archbishop or bishop by whom he is to be instituted, collated, or licensed, or the commissary of such archbishop or bishop.

**Textual Amendments**

- F6 Words repealed by Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 (No. 3), Sch. 2 and Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1976 (No. 3), Sch. Pt. I

**6** . . . . . <sup>F7</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

- F7 Ss. 2, 3, 6 repealed by Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1976 (No. 3), Sch. Pt. I

**7, 8.** . . . . . <sup>F8</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

- F8 Ss. 7, 8 repealed by Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 (No. 3), Sch. 2

**9 No other declaration or oaths than those required by Act to be enforced.**

Subject as herein-after mentioned, no person shall, on or as a consequence of ordination, or on or as a consequence of being licensed to any stipendiary curacy, or on or as a consequence of being presented, instituted, collated, elected, or licensed to any benefice with cure of souls, perpetual curacy, lectureship, or preachingship, be required to make any subscription or declaration, or take any oath, other than such subscriptions, declarations, and oath as are required by this Act [<sup>F9</sup>or by Canon of the General Synod].

**Textual Amendments**

- F9 Words added by Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure 1974 (No. 3), Sch. 1 para. 1

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**Textual Amendments**

**F10** S. 10 repealed by [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1976 \(No. 3\), Sch. Pt. I](#)

**11** **Oaths not to be administered during ordination or consecration services.**

No oath shall be administered during the service for the ordering of deacons, or during the service for the ordering of priests, or during the service for the consecration of archbishops and bishops.

**12** **Nothing to affect oath of canonical obedience to bishop, &c.**

Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or affect the oath of canonical obedience to the bishop, or the oath of due obedience to the archbishop taken by bishops on consecration.

**13** **Extent of Act.**

That this Act do extend to the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, and Sark, and to the Isle of Man.

**14** **Short title.**

This Act may be cited for all purposes as “The Clerical Subscription Act 1865.”

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**Textual Amendments**

**F11** S. 15, Sch. repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1875 \(c. 66\)](#)

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**Textual Amendments**

F12 S. 15, Sch. repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1875 (c. 66)

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