



# Museums and Galleries Admission Charges Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 73

An Act to remove impediments to the making of charges for admission to the national museums and galleries in Great Britain. [26th October 1972]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### **1 Liberty to charge for admission.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in any enactment, the trustees or other governing body of any of the institutions mentioned below may make such charges for admission to any museum or gallery as they may determine.

The institutions to which this subsection applies are—

- (a) the British Museum;
- (b) the British Museum (Natural History);
- (c) the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland;
- (d) the National Galleries of Scotland.

- (2) In so far as the provisions of any enactment, contract, trust deed or other instrument are, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, inconsistent with the making of charges for admission to—

- (a) the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland;
- (b) the National Galleries of Scotland;
- (c) any museum or gallery in Scotland for which he is responsible;

he may by order vary or revoke such provisions:

Provided that before making an order under this subsection the Secretary of State shall consult the governing body concerned.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (3) The power to make orders under subsection (2) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument; and any instrument containing such an order shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

**2 Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Museums and Galleries Admission Charges Act 1972.