



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 1

MEANING OF “CHARITY” AND “CHARITABLE PURPOSE”

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GENERAL

Charity

1 Meaning of “charity”

- (1) For the purposes of the law of England and Wales, “charity” means an institution which—
- (a) is established for charitable purposes only, and
 - (b) falls to be subject to the control of the High Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction with respect to charities.
- (2) The definition of “charity” in subsection (1) does not apply for the purposes of an enactment if a different definition of that term applies for those purposes by virtue of that or any other enactment.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1(1) restricted (1.4.2012) by [The Finance Act 2010, Schedule 6, Part 1 \(Further Consequential and Incidental Provision etc\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/735\)](#), arts. 1, **5(1)** (with art. 2)
- C2** S. 1(1) restricted (1.4.2012) by [The Finance Act 2010, Schedule 6, Part 1 \(Further Consequential and Incidental Provision etc\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/735\)](#), arts. 1, **6(1)** (with art. 3)

Changes to legislation:

Charities Act 2011, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 106(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 106(1) by [2022 c. 6 s. 16\(a\)](#)
- s. 322(2)(ea) inserted by [2022 c. 6 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 331A331B and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 6 s. 15](#)