



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 8

CHARITY ACCOUNTS, REPORTS AND RETURNS

CHAPTER 3

AUDIT OR EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

Audit or examination of individual accounts

144 Audit of accounts of larger charities

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to a financial year of a charity if—
- the charity's gross income in that year exceeds [^{F1}£1 million], or
 - the charity's gross income in that year exceeds the accounts threshold and at the end of the year the aggregate value of its assets (before deduction of liabilities) exceeds £3.26 million.
- “The accounts threshold” means the sum for the time being specified in section 133 (account and statement an option for lower-income charities).
- (2) If this subsection applies to a financial year of a charity, the accounts of the charity for that year must be audited by a person who—
- is eligible for appointment as a statutory auditor under Part 42 of the Companies Act 2006, or
 - is a member of a body for the time being specified in regulations under section 154 and is under the rules of that body eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 144(1)(a) substituted (with application in accordance with art. 5 of the commencing S.I.) by [The Charities Act 2011 \(Accounts and Audit\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/321\)](#), arts. 1, 3
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 144 applied (1.1.2018) by [The Charitable Incorporated Organisations \(Conversion\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1232\)](#), regs. 1(1), 14

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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](#)