



# Clergy Ordination Act 1804

1804 CHAPTER 43 44 Geo 3

An Act to enforce the due Observance of the Canons and Rubrick respecting the Ages of Persons to be admitted into the sacred Orders of Deacon and Priest. [3d May 1804]

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## Textual Amendments

F1 Preamble repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 6](#) Group 1

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

C2 United Church of England and Ireland dissolved by [Irish Church Act 1869 \(c. 42\)](#), [s. 2](#)

## Commencement Information

I1 Act wholly in force at Royal Assent

### [1.] Deacons not to be admitted before 23, nor priests before 24.

From and after the passing of this Act no person shall be admitted a deacon before he shall have attained the age of three and twenty years compleat, and no person shall be admitted a priest before he shall have attained the age of four and twenty years compleat: And in case any person shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be admitted a deacon before he shall have attained the age of three and twenty years compleat, or be admitted a priest before he shall have attained the age of four and twenty years compleat [<sup>F2</sup>unless being over the age of twenty-three years he hath a faculty from the Archbishop of Canterbury], that then and in every such case the admission of every such person as deacon or priest respectively shall be merely void in law as if such admission had not been made, and the person so admitted shall be wholly incapable of having, holding, or enjoying, or being admitted to any parsonage, vicarage, benefice, or other ecclesiastical promotion or dignity whatsoever, in virtue of such his admission as deacon or priest respectively, or of any qualification derived or supposed to be derived therefrom: . . . <sup>F3</sup>

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Clergy Ordination Act 1804. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Textual Amendments**

- F2** Words inserted by [Clergy \(Ordination and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1964 \(No. 6\), s. 2](#)
- F3** Words repealed by [Patronage \(Benefices\) Measure 1986 \(No. 3, SIF 21:4\), s. 41\(2\), Sch. 5](#)

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**Textual Amendments**

- F4** S. 2 repealed (Provinces of Canterbury and York except Channel Islands and Isle of Man) (1.6.1992) by [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1992 \(No. 1\), s. 17\(2\), Sch. 4 Pt.I](#);Instrument dated 27.5.1992 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

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