



Charity Commission: Update



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Session objectives

- Charities Act 2022
- Other guidance we are working on
- How we are improving our guidance for trustees
- My Charity Commission Account
- Questions

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Charities Act 2022

- Changes to several areas of the law
- New trustee powers
- Greater flexibility, reduce red tape
- Phased implementation



Charities Act 2022

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Charities Act 2022

Phase 1:

- Came into effect on 31 October 2022
- Existing power to pay for services extended – now includes goods
- Easier process for managing appeals that 'fail'

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Charities Act 2022

Phase 1:

- Updated 'Trustee expenses and payments' guidance CC11
- New guidance on fundraising appeals that raise too much or not enough

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Charities Act 2022

Phase 2:

- Came into effect on 14 June 2023
- New flexibilities around the disposal of charity land
- New powers to spend or borrow from permanent endowment

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Charities Act 2022

Phase 2:

- New: 'Sales, leases or other disposals of charity land' CC28
- New guidance on permanent endowment including examples

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Charities Act 2022

Phase 3:

- Making changes to governing documents
- Legacies to charities that merge

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Charities Act 2022

Changing governing documents:

- Affects non-company charities
- Trustees will be able to make the change themselves
- Certain changes will need prior Commission authority (e.g. purposes, changes to trustee payment clauses)
- New guidance to help you use this power

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Charities Act 2022

- Sign up for email alerts
- Look out for 'Charity Commission News'
- What's changing: search 'Charities Act Charity Commission information'

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Changing how we write trustee guidance

- Plain English
- Shorter
- Prioritise what most trustees need to know
- Avoid duplication (our content and others')
- Need to apply for Commission authority?

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But we are continuing to:

- Be comprehensive
- Explain the legal requirements (the 'musts') and good practice ('should')
- Work with other relevant sector organisations
- Test drafts with trustees

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Other guidance

- 5 minute guide on political activity and campaigning
- Internal financial controls (CC8)
- Social media
- Charity investments (CC14)

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My Charity Commission Account

- The new way to access our online services for your charity
- 'One stop shop'
- The means through which we can in future provide tailored support and guidance

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What can you do to get ready?

Ask your charity contact to:

- Check we have their correct contact details
- Look out for our email to them
- Follow the instructions to set up an account

[Setting up 'My Charity Commission Account' - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

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Questions



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