



Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure 1986

1986 No. 4

1 Provision for ordination of women as deacons.

- (1) It shall be lawful for the General Synod to make provision by Canon for enabling a woman to be ordained to the office of deacon if she otherwise satisfies the requirements of Canon Law as to the persons who may be ordained as deacons.
- (2) In the case of a deaconess who is licensed or holds a bishop's permission to officiate, a Canon made in pursuance of subsection (1) above may make provision for enabling the deaconess to be ordained to the office of deacon notwithstanding—
 - (a) that she has not after applying to be so ordained been further examined concerning her knowledge of holy scripture or of the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church of England, or
 - (b) that she has not exhibited to the bishop of the diocese any certificate or other document which is required to be so exhibited by every person who is to be made a deacon.
- (3) In section 1(1) of the ^{M1}Clergy (Ordination and Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1964 there shall be inserted at the beginning the words "Subject to the provisions of section 1(2) of the Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure 1986".
- (4) Nothing in this Measure shall make it lawful for a woman to be ordained to the office of priest.

Marginal Citations

M1 [1964 No. 6.](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure 1986, Section 1.