



Charities Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 4

REGISTRATION AND NAMES OF CHARITIES

[^{F1}Names and working names]

45 Change of name where charity is a company

- (1) In relation to a charitable company, any reference in section 42 or 43 to the charity trustees of a charity is to be read as a reference to the directors of the company.
- (2) Subsections (3) to (5) apply if a direction is given under section 42 with respect to [^{F1}the name of] a charitable company.
- (3) The direction is to be treated as requiring the name of the company to be changed by resolution of the directors of the company.
- (4) Where a resolution of the directors is passed in accordance with subsection (3), the company must give notice of the change to the registrar of companies.
- (5) Where the name of the company is changed in compliance with the direction, the registrar of companies must—
 - (a) if satisfied that the new name complies with the requirements of Part 5 of the Companies Act 2006, enter the new name on the register of companies in place of the former name, and
 - (b) issue a certificate of incorporation altered to meet the circumstances of the case;

and the change of name has effect from the date on which the altered certificate is issued.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 45(2) inserted (14.6.2023) by [Charities Act 2022 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 41(4), [Sch. 2 para. 32](#); [S.I. 2023/643](#), [Sch. para. 20\(o\)](#)

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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](#)