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1.

- (1) A Diocesan Bishop, a Dean (including an Incumbent who is also a Dean) or an Archdeacon shall retire as such on his or her seventieth birthday.
- (2) A Canon or Prebendary shall retire as such on his or her seventieth birthday.
- (3) A Cleric holding other office or a deaconess shall retire on his or her seventieth birthday, save that he or she may postpone such retirement for a period not exceeding three months if at least one month before his or her seventieth birthday he or she notifies the Bishop in writing of the later date on which he or she intends to retire; nevertheless the Bishop, at his discretion, may allow such a Cleric or a deaconess to continue for such a period and to retire at such later date as the Bishop shall from time to time think fit.

2.

- (1) A Diocesan Bishop may retire at any time between his or her sixty-seventh and seventieth birthday.
- (2) Any other Cleric or a deaconess may retire at any time between his or her sixty-seventh and seventieth birthday on giving to the Bishop three months previous notice in writing of his or her intention so to do, provided that:
 - (a) A Cleric or deaconess who is in pensionable service before 1st January 2017 and who has completed forty years pensionable service before his or her sixty-seventh birthday may retire at any time after having done so on giving such notice and be paid the pension to which he or she may be entitled without actuarial reduction in the event of such retirement taking effect prior to such sixty-seventh birthday;
 - (b) A Cleric or deaconess who enters pensionable service on or after 1st January 2017 and who has completed forty years such pensionable service before his or her sixty seventh birthday may retire at any time after having done so on giving such notice and be paid the pension to which he or she may be entitled subject to actuarial reduction in the event of such retirement taking effect prior to such sixty seventh birthday.

3.

(1) The Archbishop or a Diocesan Bishop may retire before reaching the age of sixty-seven on grounds of permanent disability preventing the performance of his duty, such disability to be proved by medical certificate and other evidence.

(2) On like grounds, similarly proved, any other Cleric or deaconess may retire before reaching the age of sixty-seven years, in each case with the consent in writing of the Bishop.