

Royal Charter Survey

EXPLICIT ORDER

These orders specifically require ministers and judges* to treat the chartered body 'in the most favourable and beneficial sense' for its 'best advantage.' This is to be done despite wrongdoing, specifically including 'non-recital' (concealment) and 'mis-recital' (deception).

The BBC charter of 1996 states: *We do further will, ordain and declare that these Our Letters or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall be taken, construed and judged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the corporation in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all and singular Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other Our Subjects whatsoever any non-recital, mis-recital or any other omission, imperfection, defect, matter, cause or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.*

1. Law Society (1845)
2. McGill University (1852)
3. Crystal Palace (1854)**
4. Boy Scouts (1912)
5. Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (1920)
6. Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers (1936)
7. British Council (1940)**
8. Law Society (1954 still valid as of 2005)
9. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (undated but post-1957)
10. Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (undated but post-1979)
11. Clare Hall, Cambridge University (1985)
12. City of London Solicitors' Company (undated but post-1989)
13. British Broadcasting Company (1996)
14. Australian Academy of Science (2003)
15. Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (2005)
16. Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (2005)

*some orders also specifically apply to justices, officers and other subjects

**these charters substitute 'bodies politic' for 'ministers and judges'.

LESSER EXPLICIT ORDER

These orders specify favourable treatment 'in all Our Courts' or 'all Our Courts of Record' (which would include Parliament), 'non-recital' and 'mis-recital' notwithstanding.

1. Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters (1657)
2. Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters (1663)
3. Worshipful Company of Masons (1678) (omits 'non-recital' and 'mis-recital')
4. School of Oriental Studies (1916)
5. Institution of Mechanical Engineers (1930)

6. Australian Academy of Science (1954)
7. Magistrates Association (post-1962)
8. British Psychological Society (1966) (omits 'mis-recital')
9. Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (1967)§ (omits 'mis-recital')
10. Australian Humanities Research Council (1970)
11. Chemical Society (1971)
12. Royal Institute of British Architects (1971)
13. Royal College of Psychiatrists (1972)
14. Royal College of General Practitioners (1973) ('recital' [sic] instead of 'non-recital')
15. Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (1973)
16. Institution of Civil Engineers (1975)
17. Royal College of Nursing (1979)
18. Royal Society of Chemistry (1982)
19. Royal Academy of Engineering (1984)
20. Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (1984)
21. University of Ulster (1985)
22. *ifs* School of Finance (formerly the Institute of Bankers) (1987)
23. Chartered Insurance Institute (1987)
24. College of Ophthalmologists (1988)
25. Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Scotland (1992)
26. Birkbeck College (1994) (omits 'mis-recital')
27. Landscape Institute (1997)
28. British Film Institute (2000)
29. Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (2000)
30. Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales (2000)
31. Royal College of Anaesthetists (2001)
32. Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (2003)§
33. Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (2003)§ ('omission' instead of 'non-recital')
34. Institute of Linguists (2004)
35. Royal Shakespeare Company (2007)
36. Institute of Mathematics and Its Applications (2008)

IMPLIED ORDER

The order states that the charter 'shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably' to the chosen institution, profession or commercial interest.

1. University of Leicester (1958)
2. University of Lancaster (1965)
3. University of Bath (1966)
4. Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (1976)
5. King's College London (1980)
6. Chartered Institute of Building (1980)
7. University of Buckingham (1983)
8. British Computer Society (1984)
9. Institute of Education, University of London (1987)

10. Chartered Management Institute (1992)
11. Chartered Institute of Taxation (1995)
12. University of Birmingham (1998)
13. City University (post-2000)
14. Goldsmiths' College (2003)
15. Royal College of General Practitioners (2003)
16. Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (2004)
17. Institution of Structural Engineers (2005)
18. Chartered Institute of Marketing (2006)
19. Queen Mary & Westfield College (2008)
20. Chartered Quality Institute (2008)
21. Worshipful Company of International Bankers (2008)

NO ORDER FOUND

1. The Worshipful Company of Clockmakers (1631)
2. Royal Institute of British Architects (1837)
3. Royal Society of Arts (1847)
4. College of Teachers (1849)
5. Exhibition of 1851 (1851)
6. Exhibition of 1851 (1852)
7. Incorporated Institute of Accountants of England & Wales (1880)
8. Royal Statistical Society (1887)
9. National Rifle association (1891)
10. Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (1948)
11. Royal Horticultural Society (1987)
12. Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters (1998)
13. Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (2004)

ORDER REVERSED

British Broadcasting Corporation (2006)

UNCLASSIFIABLE

These charters could not be classified, the most common reason being incompleteness.

Charterhouse School (1611)
Supplemental Charter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales (1948)
Consolidated Charter of The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (undated)
The Institute of Directors (2004)
The Chartered Institute of Technological Architects (1972)

SUMMARY OF CLASSIFIABLE ORDERS

Explicit: 16
Lesser Explicit: 36
Implied: 21
No Order Found: 13
Reversed: 1
TOTAL: 87

Seventy-three of 87 charters examined (84%) order favourable treatment. Fifty-two (60%) order favourable treatment, specific types of wrongdoing notwithstanding.

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