

From your Diocesan Support Teams

From Your DAC: New Faculty Jurisdiction Rules

On 1 April 2020, new faculty rules came into effect, in the first substantial change since the 2015 rules that introduced the lists of works that could be done without faculty. The text of the new rules is [here](#) and updated guidance for parishes on the new rules is [here](#). The flowchart can be downloaded as a stand-alone document from [here](#).

Please note, the new rules will not apply retrospectively. Therefore, all applications started on or before 31 March will be processed in the context of the current rules.

The new rules add to both List A (works that can be done without permission) and List B (works that the Archdeacon must confirm do not need a faculty). Overall, this means that there will be more routine, repair and maintenance works that will not need faculty. The range of items in each list is increased, and a distinction made between listed and unlisted buildings where appropriate. Matters which relate to the more sustainable use of energy are moved into the lists, and the provision of bike racks is also introduced for the first time.

A revised version of the Online Faculty System (OFS) went live on the 1st of April, to reflect the changes to the faculty rules. The changes to the website will also encourage a more collaborative working relationship with the DAC, when seeking a full faculty. The main change that experienced users will notice is at the start of a new faculty application.

At first, an application will require the provision of only 2 pieces of information: Form 1 (the Standard Information Form) and a description of the proposed works. The DAC will review this and provide advice about the next steps, according to what is really needed for the individual project. This is intended to encourage closer engagement, and will ensure that a church provides only the information that is needed to understand and determine an application.

For churches with far-reaching proposals that will change the character of a listed building, wide external consultation remains necessary, as part of securing a faculty. Importantly, the consultation stage has been moved earlier in the process, so that parishes will have the benefit of that advice before the DAC issues its Notification of Advice. This regularises a working practice that has already become established in many dioceses.

If you have any questions about the rule changes, or if you would like to discuss a List B or Faculty application, please contact the DAC office: DAC@salisbury.anglican.org, 01722 438654.