

ASSISTANT BISHOPS' CANON (THE), 1966

Canon 4, 1966

A canon to regulate the appointment of Assistant Bishops.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. The synod of any diocese may from time to time create the office of assistant bishop and may create more than one such office.
2. The appointment of an assistant bishop, whether the office has been created before or after this canon shall come into force, shall be made by the bishop of the diocese with the concurrence of the Diocesan Council.
3. Before making any such appointment the bishop of the diocese shall notify the Primate, of his intention of making the appointment and inform him of the stipend provided for the occupant of the office.
4. No appointment shall be made until the Primate has informed the bishop of the diocese in writing that the Metropolitans or a majority of them are satisfied that a sufficient stipend has been provided for the occupant of the office.
5. No priest appointed to the office of an assistant bishop in a diocese within a province shall be consecrated unless his appointment as to canonical fitness has been confirmed as prescribed by ordinance of the provincial synod or if there be no such ordinance or if the diocese be not within a province unless his appointment as to canonical fitness has been confirmed by the Primate and one or more metropolitans.
6. An assistant bishop shall be licensed by the bishop of the diocese and shall undertake such work and perform such episcopal acts as may be required or permitted by the bishop of the diocese.
7. An assistant bishop shall continue in office notwithstanding a vacancy in the see.
8. No assistant bishop shall be appointed with a right of succession to the see.
9. "**Assistant bishop**" in this canon shall include a coadjutor bishop or other bishop assistant to the bishop of the diocese.
10. Determination II of the Session of 1896 of the General Synod of the Dioceses of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania as amended shall cease to have any operation in a diocese upon the adoption of this canon by that diocese.

11. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts it.
12. This canon may be cited as "The Assistant Bishops' Canon, 1966".
