

## CONFIRMATION OF BISHOPS OF EXTRA-PROVINCIAL DIOCESES CANON, 1966

### Canon 9, 1966

**A canon for the confirmation of the person elected as the bishop of a diocese which is not part of a province.**

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. Where in any diocese which is not part of a province a person shall have been elected or nominated as bishop, the administrator of the said diocese shall transmit the name of such person together with a certificate of his election or nomination to the Primate, and when a person shall have been elected or nominated as the first bishop of a newly-formed diocese or of a diocese about to be formed, which is not part of a province, the person or persons who have elected or nominated him shall transmit a like certificate in like manner.
2. On receiving any such certificate the Primate shall communicate the election or nomination to the other bishops of the dioceses in Australia, and if the Primate and three or more other diocesan bishops be satisfied as to the canonical fitness of the person so elected or nominated, the election or nomination of such person shall be duly confirmed under the hand and seal of the Primate provided that the election of a person who at the time of his election is already a bishop of the Church of England in Australia shall not require to be confirmed.
3. No election or nomination of any person to be bishop of any diocese, other than a newly-formed diocese or one about to be formed, shall be submitted to the bishops of the dioceses in Australia, unless such See shall be or shall have become vacant or shall have been declared vacant by the Primate as the case may be under the powers specified by Determination VI, Session 1891.
4. If the election or nomination of a bishop shall not have been confirmed at the expiration of three months from the receipt by the Primate of the notice of such election or nomination then such election or nomination shall be deemed not to have been confirmed and the Primate shall forthwith notify the Administrator of such Diocese, or in the case of a newly-formed diocese or of a diocese about to be formed, the person or persons who made such election or nomination. Should such election or nomination be deemed not to have been confirmed, then the name of some other person may be transmitted in manner provided and pursuant to clauses 1 and 2 hereof.
5. When a person nominated or elected as bishop of a diocese which is not part of a province is to be consecrated outside Australia, confirmation as to canonical fitness shall be made as provided in clauses 1 and 2 hereof.

6. "**Administrator**" shall mean and include the person appointed by or under the constitution of the diocese to administer the affairs of the diocese during a vacancy in the see.

"**Primate**" shall have the same meaning as it has in section 74(1) of the Constitution.

7. When a bishop of such a diocese intends to resign he shall notify such intention and the date on which it is to take effect in writing to the Primate and the Administrator. On and after such date the see shall be deemed vacant.
8. Determination II, Session 1905 of the General Synod of the Dioceses of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania as amended in so far as it relates to the confirmation of bishops shall cease to have any operation upon the passing of this canon.
9. This canon may be cited as the "Confirmation of Bishops of Extra-provincial Dioceses Canon, 1966".

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