

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANT OF APPROVAL OF RELIGIOUS PREMISES

1. Having regard to their primary use, situation, construction and state of repair, the premises must, in the opinion of the authority, be a seemly and dignified venue for the proceedings.
2. Except in so far as section 196 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 23 to, the Equality Act 2010 may apply, the premises must be regularly available to the public for the formation of civil partnerships. \*
3. The premises must have the benefit of such fire precautions as may reasonably be required by the authority, having consulted with the fire and rescue authority, and such other reasonable provision for the health and safety of the persons employed in or visiting the premises as the authority considers appropriate.
4. The room or rooms in which the proceedings are to take place if approval is granted must be identifiable by description as a distinct part of the premises.

\* 2010 c. 15; section 196 and Schedule 23 make provision for general exceptions to the Act. Paragraph 2 provides exceptions in respect of organizations relating to religion or belief.