



Mental Capacity Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 9

PART 2

THE COURT OF PROTECTION AND THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN

The Court of Protection

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- (1) There is to be a superior court of record known as the Court of Protection.
- (2) The court is to have an official seal.
- (3) The court may sit at any place in England and Wales, on any day and at any time.
- (4) The court is to have a central office and registry at a place appointed by the Lord Chancellor [^{F1}, after consulting the Lord Chief Justice]^{F1}.
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may [^{F2}, after consulting the Lord Chief Justice,]^{F2} designate as additional registries of the court any district registry of the High Court and any county court office.

[^{F3}(5A) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate any of the following to exercise his functions under this section—

- (a) the President of the Court of Protection;
- (b) a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005).]

^{F3}(6) The office of the Supreme Court called the Court of Protection ceases to exist.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 45(4) inserted (3.4.2006) by [The Lord Chancellor \(Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions\) \(No.2\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1016\)](#), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. 1 para. 32(2)**

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- F2** Words in s. 45(5) inserted (3.4.2006) by The Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No.2) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1016), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. 1 para. 32(3)**
- F3** S. 45(5A) inserted (3.4.2006) by The Lord Chancellor (Transfer of Functions and Supplementary Provisions) (No.2) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1016), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. 1 para. 32(4)**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 58(4)(ca) inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 10](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4A inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 3](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 10A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 6](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 13A inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 7\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 16(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 8\(b\)](#)