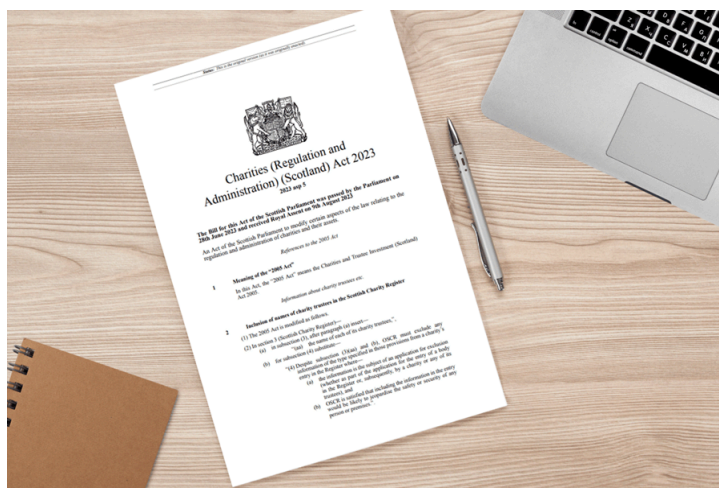


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Welcome to the OSCR Reporter newsletter, your regular update of the latest charity sector news from the Scottish Charity Regulator.



Charity law has changed

The first of the changes to charity law contained in the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 came into effect on 1 April 2024.

Some of the main changes include:

- increased inquiry powers for OSCR
- power to remove charities from the Scottish Charity Register if they do not submit accounts and respond to OSCR
- requirement for charities to have a connection to Scotland

The 2023 Act has also made minor changes to simplify interactions between charities and OSCR and provide more flexibility.

You can read a [summary of the changes on our website](#), as well as read details of further measures which will be introduced in October 2024 and summer 2025.

[Read more](#)



The Notifiable Events process has been replaced: changes in the way charities report important issues to OSCR

From 1 April 2024, we are no longer asking charities to use our Notifiable Events process to inform us when something serious has happened to the charity.

It is the responsibility of the charity trustees to manage their charity effectively and handle issues or significant events as they arise. If an issue has been dealt with effectively and the problem has been resolved, there's no need to notify OSCR.

If, however, it is not possible to address any serious issues, or if these issues have not been dealt with in a satisfactory way, charities and trustees should report this to us through our raise a concern form.

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Have your say: charity banking challenges survey 2024

We know that banking can be a frustrating and challenging experience for many charities.

NCVO have launched a new charity banking survey so you can have your say. By sharing your views and experiences, you'll help third sector bodies to advocate for better banking services for voluntary organisations.

The survey is open to all charities, voluntary and community organisations across the UK. Please submit your response by **12pm on Wednesday 15 May 2024**.

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