

L.N. 37 of 1983

**LAND REGISTRATION ACT, 1981
(ACT NO. XXXV OF 1981)**

Compulsory Registration (Church Property) Order, 1983

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 14A of the Land Registration Act, 1981 the Senior Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs has made the following order:—

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| Citation and commencement. | 1. This Order may be cited as the Compulsory Registration (Church Property) Order, 1983 and shall come into force on the 15th July, 1983. |
| Interpretation. | 2. In this Order —
“Ecclesiastical Entity” means any Church or other Pious or Religious Institution;
“burthen” means any burthen on immovable property for the celebration of Masses for the repose of souls;
“owner” means the persons referred to in section 23 of the Land Registration Act, 1981 other than the competent authority referred to in paragraph (c) of that section. |
| Land to be registered. | 3. (1) All titles to land belonging to or administered by any Ecclesiastical Entity on the coming into force of this Order, and all titles to land subject to a burthen on the coming into force of this Order, shall be registered at the Land Registry by the owners or administrators of such land by not later than the 17th October, 1983.

(2) All titles to land which after the coming into force of this Order shall belong to or be administered by an Ecclesiastical Entity, and all titles to land which may become subject to a burthen after the coming into force of this Order, shall be registered at the Land Registry by the owners or administrators of such land, not later than three months from the date on which such land shall belong to, or be administered by an Ecclesiastical Entity or on which such burthen is imposed.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (2) of this article shall affect any obligation imposed on any person by any law to register any title to land before the lapse of the period therein indicated. |