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## Consultation news

The Commission will publish its recent consultation news, events, updates and activities on this page.

### Draft accounting and reporting guidance for registered charities

With the introduction of new annual reporting regulations set to impact on every registered charity in Northern Ireland, the charity regulator recently called on the public to share their views on its draft accounting and reporting guidance.

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's new guidance is aimed at supporting charities in understanding their duties under new annual reporting regulations, which went live on 1 January 2016.

However, the guidance is currently at draft stage only with the Commission throwing the documentation open to public consultation between 18 December 2015 and 11 March 2016.

The Commission also sought views on new, draft Directions for Independent Examiners, which examiners must follow when reviewing charity accounts.

For more information in the consultation, which is now closed, please click [here](#).

### Regulator called for feedback on draft equality guidance for charities

Northern Ireland's charity regulator recently called on interested parties and individuals to share their views on its new, draft equality guidance for charities.

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland ran a 12-week public consultation, from Tuesday 3 February 2015 to Tuesday 28 April 2015, on its draft guidance, which aims to support charities in understanding the complexities of equality legislation as it affects them.

For more information please visit the [Closed consultations](#) section of our website.

### Receipts and payments accounts guidance - open for comment phase now closed

The Commission has published new guidance to support eligible, non-company charities in drafting receipts and payments accounts. The announcement follows the launch earlier this year of the first phase of the new annual reporting programme for all charities in Northern Ireland registered with the Commission.

The Commission's *Receipts and payments draft introductory notes* were open for comment from interested parties between 4 July 2014 and 31 October 2014. Following this comment phase, the Commission will now analyse the feedback received and prepare the final version of the introductory notes.

For more information, or to read the Commission's *Receipts and payments draft introductory notes*, finalised *Receipts and payments toolkit* and *Example receipts and payments accounts* please visit the [Accounting and reporting](#)

[essentials](#) section of our website.

### Participation strategy public consultation closes

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's public consultation its *Participation strategy* has now closed.

Thank-you to everyone who took the time to contribute to our consultation and share their views on how we should engage with stakeholders.

All responses received during the consultation have now been analysed and collated. Our consultation report, including information about the consultation, our plans for the future and how we listened to the feedback we received, is available on the [Closed consultations](#) section of our website.



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