

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

REFERRAL OF PROPOSED MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

PART 1

MARRIAGE

Notice period

- 10 (1) Section 31 (marriage under certificate without licence) is amended in accordance with this paragraph.
- (2) In section 31—
- (a) for “15 successive days” (in each place) substitute “28 successive days”;
 - (b) for “15 days” (in each place) substitute “28 days”;
 - (c) for “15 day period” (in each place) substitute “28 day period”.
- (3) After subsection (5E) insert—
- “(5EA) If a proposed marriage is referred to the Secretary of State under section 28H—
- (a) any application under subsection (5A) is to be made to the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) the power conferred by subsection (5A) is exercisable by the Secretary of State;
- and the reference to the Registrar General in subsection (5C) accordingly has effect as a reference to the Secretary of State.
- (5EB) If the Secretary of State grants an application made under subsection (5A), the Secretary of State must give notice of the grant of the application to the applicant and to the superintendent registrar to whom notice of the marriage was given.
- (5EC) Regulations under subsection (5D) do not apply to applications made to the Secretary of State in accordance with subsection (5EA).
- (5ED) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision with respect to the making, and granting, of applications made in accordance with subsection (5EA).
- (5EE) The Secretary of State must consult the Registrar General before making regulations under subsection (5ED).”.
- (4) In subsection (5H), after “(5D)” insert “or (5ED)”.