



# Marriage Act 1949

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## PART III

MARRIAGE UNDER [F1MARRIAGE SCHEDULE]

*Issue of [F1a marriage schedule]*

### [F233 Period of validity of [F1marriage schedule].

- (1) A marriage may be solemnized on the authority of [F3a marriage schedule] at any time within the period which is the applicable period in relation to that marriage.
- (2) If the marriage is not solemnized within the applicable period—
  - (a) the notices of marriage and the [F4marriage schedule] are void; and
  - (b) no person may solemnize the marriage on the authority of [F5that marriage schedule].
- (3) The applicable period, in relation to a marriage, is the period beginning with the day on which the notice of marriage was [F6recorded in the marriage register] and ending—
  - (a) in the case of a marriage which is to be solemnized in pursuance of section 26(1)(dd), 37 or 38, on the expiry of three months; and
  - (b) in the case of any other marriage, on the expiry of twelve months.
- (4) If the notices of marriage given by each person to be married are not [F7recorded in the marriage register] on the same date, the applicable period is to be calculated by reference to the earlier of the two dates.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 33 heading substituted (4.5.2021) by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 23\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 2](#))
- F2** S. 33 and sidenote substituted (1.1.2001) by [1999 c. 33, s. 169\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14 paras. 3, 15](#); [S.I. 2000/2698, art. 2](#)

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- F3** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (4.5.2021) by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(3)** (with Sch. 2)
- F4** Words in s. 33(2)(a) substituted (4.5.2021) by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(4)(a)** (with Sch. 2)
- F5** Words in s. 33(2)(b) substituted (4.5.2021) by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(4)(b)** (with Sch. 2)
- F6** Words in s. 33(3) substituted (4.5.2021) by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(5)** (with Sch. 2)
- F7** Words in s. 33(4) substituted (4.5.2021) by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 23(6)** (with Sch. 2)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 3 applied (13.3.2014) by [Marriage \(Same Sex Couples\) Act 2013 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 1(2)(a)**, 21(3); [S.I. 2014/93](#), art. 3(a)
- C2** S. 33 applied (with modifications) (4.5.2021) by 1956 c. 79, s. 1(3) (as amended by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 53(2)** (with Sch. 2))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 2A inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 75\(1\)](#)
- s. 27A(3)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 75\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 27A(3A) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 75\(3\)\(b\)](#)