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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 413**

**The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

*Religious marriages*

**Cancellation of registration**

**12.**—(1) The Registrar General may cancel the registration of a person under Article 11 on the ground—

- (a) that the person has requested the cancellation;
- (b) that the body which applied for him to be registered has requested the cancellation;
- (c) that the marriage ceremony used by that body [<sup>F1</sup>for marriages of parties who are not of the same sex] no longer contains an appropriate declaration within the meaning of Article 10(3);
- [<sup>F2</sup>(ca) that the marriage ceremony used by that body for marriages of parties who are of the same sex no longer contains an appropriate declaration within the meaning of Article 10(3A);] or
- (d) that the person—
  - (i) has, while registered under Article 11, been convicted of an offence under this Order;
  - (ii) has, for the purpose of profit or gain, carried on a business of solemnising marriages;
  - (iii) is not a fit and proper person to solemnise marriages; or
  - (iv) for any other reason, should not continue to be registered under Article 11.

(2) The Registrar General shall where practicable give at least 21 days' notice of his intention to cancel the registration of a person on a ground mentioned in paragraph (1)(d) to that person.

(3) After a person receives a notice under paragraph (2), he shall not solemnise a marriage unless—

- (a) the Registrar General informs him that he has decided not to cancel the registration; or
- (b) an appeal under Article 13 in respect of his registration has been successful.

[<sup>F3</sup>(4) Where a person is registered under Article 11—

- (a) for marriages of parties who are not of the same sex, and
- (b) for marriages of parties who are of the same sex,

cancellation on the ground mentioned in paragraph (1)(a), (b), (c), (ca) or (d)(iv) may be of the person's registration for one only of those descriptions of marriages.]

**F1** Words in art. 12(1)(c) inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/742\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(2)(a)**

**F2** Art. 12(1)(ca) inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/742\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(2)(b)**

**F3** Art. 12(4) inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/742\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(3)**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 12.