

MARRIAGES**Consents to Marriage of Minors**

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST AUGUST, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE MARRIAGES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

1954. No. 134

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BRIAN MAGINESS, Q.C., Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-section (1) of section five of the Marriages Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Marriage of Minors (Consents) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the date hereof and shall have effect in relation to all marriages of minors solemnized or intended to be solemnized on or after the 1st October, 1954.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889, as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Marriages Act (Northern Ireland), 1954;

“the Act of 1844” means the Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1844;

“consent” means written consent to the marriage of a minor as required by section one of the Act;

“order” means an order of a county court made under section two of the Act dispensing with any consent required by section one of the Act;

“Registrar-General” means the Registrar-General for Northern Ireland;

“registrar” means a registrar of marriages appointed under the Act of 1844;

“registrar of marriages” means a registrar of marriages appointed under the Registration of Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1863;

“superintendent registrar” means a superintendent registrar appointed under the Registration of Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1863.

4.—(1) In the case of a marriage by licence, special licence, or registrar's certificate the consent shall be in two parts, A and B, in the form set forth in the First Schedule to these Regulations. In any other case, the consent shall be in the form of the said Part B only.

(2) Every consent shall be signed in the presence of one of the persons set forth in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, who shall attest the signature of the person or persons required by the Act to give consent.

5. In the case of a marriage intended to be solemnized by licence or registrar's certificate, Part A of the consent shall be deposited with the person to whom application has been made for the issue of the licence or certificate at least two clear days before the date on which the licence or certificate is to issue, or within such shorter period as the licenser, licensing minister or registrar may regard as sufficient to satisfy himself as to the authenticity of the consent.

6. In the case of a marriage intended to be solemnized by special licence, Part A of the consent shall be deposited with the person authorised to issue the special licence at least one clear day before the date on which the special licence is to issue, or within such shorter period as that person may regard as sufficient to satisfy himself as to the authenticity of the consent.

7. Part B of the consent shall be deposited with the person who is to solemnize the marriage at least one clear day before the date on which the marriage is to be solemnized, or within such shorter period as that person may regard as sufficient to satisfy himself as to the authenticity of the consent and shall be signed by that person immediately after the marriage has been solemnized.

8. Every consent deposited with a person authorised to issue a licence, special licence or registrar's certificate, shall be filed and preserved by such person with the other documents relating to the marriage.

9. An order produced to a person to whom application has been made for a licence, special licence or registrar's certificate, shall be returned by that person to the parties to the intended marriage for deposit with the person who is to solemnize the marriage.

10. Every consent or order deposited with any person under the provisions of these Regulations shall be available at all reasonable times, without fee, to all persons desirous of inspecting the same.

11. Where a consent or order has been deposited with a person who solemnizes a marriage which is within the provisions of the Act of 1844, and it is not the duty of that person to furnish a copy of the entries in the Register Book in which the marriage is

registered, the consent or order shall, after the marriage has been solemnized, be delivered by that person to the person on whom the duty aforesaid is laid by section sixty-five or section sixty-six of the said Act, or by section nine of the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1863.

12. In the case of a marriage solemnized within the provisions of the Act of 1844, Part B of the consent or the order shall—

- (a) where deposited with a Registrar—be forwarded by him to the Registrar-General with a copy of the entry of marriage at the end of the quarter in which the marriage was solemnized.
- (b) where the marriage is by special licence—be annexed to the certificate to be sent to the Registrar-General under the provisions of section twenty-two of the Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1871.
- (c) in every other case—be sent to the registrar with a copy of the entry of the marriage at the end of the quarter in which the marriage was solemnized for transmission to the Registrar-General.

13. Where a certificate under the provisions of section eleven of the Registration of Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1863, is delivered to a registrar of marriages in respect of the marriage of a minor and a consent or order is not annexed thereto, or a consent is annexed thereto which has not been properly executed or signed by the person who solemnized the marriage, the certificate and the consent (if any) shall be forwarded to the Registrar-General by the registrar of marriages who shall not register that marriage without instructions from the Registrar-General.

14. Subject to the provisions of the last preceding Regulation every consent or order received by a registrar of marriages under paragraph (c) of sub-section (1) of section three of the Act shall be delivered with the certificate of marriage at the end of the quarter in which the marriage was registered to the Superintendent Registrar who shall transmit it to the Registrar-General with a copy of the entry of the marriage.

15. Forms Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the Third Schedule to these Regulations shall be substituted for the forms contained in Schedules B, C and E to the Act of 1844, Schedule B to the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1863, and Schedule (A) No. 1 to the Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870, respectively.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1954.

Brian Maginess,
Minister of Finance for
Northern Ireland.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

PART A

Consent to the Marriage of a Minor

Proposed marriage of.....
 residing at.....
 with.....
 residing at.....
 I (a).....being the (b).....and
 I (a).....being the (b).....of the
 above named.....a minor, aged.....years, and being
 the persons whose consent to h..... marriage is required by law do hereby
 give consent to the above marriage.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

Signature of person giving consent.....

Address

Witness to the above signature.....

Qualification

Address

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

Signature of person giving consent.....

Address

Witness to the above signature.....

Qualification

Address

(a) Insert name in full. (b) Insert "Father", "Mother", "Guardian"
etc., as the case may be.

PART B

Consent to the Marriage of a Minor

Proposed marriage of.....
 residing at.....
 with.....
 residing at.....
 I (a).....being the (b).....and
 I (a).....being the (b).....of the
 above named.....a minor, aged.....years, and being
 the persons whose consent to h..... marriage is required by law do hereby
 give consent to the above marriage.

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

Signature of person giving consent.....

Address

Witness to the above signature.....

Qualification

Address

Witness my hand this.....day of.....19.....

Signature of person giving consent.....

Address

Witness to the above signature.....

Qualification

Address

(a) Insert name in full.
(b) Insert "Father", "Mother", "Guardian", etc., as the case may be.

Signature of person solemnizing marriage.....

at..... Date.....

SECOND SCHEDULE
PERSONS BY WHOM SIGNATURES TO CONSENTS
MUST BE WITNESSED

In the United Kingdom or any other part of the British Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic:—

Magistrates, or Justices of the Peace.

Peace Commissioners.

Commissioners for Oaths,

Ministers of Religion.

Medical Practitioners.

In any part of the World:—

Officers of Her Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces on the active or half-pay or pension lists.

Masters of British Merchant Navy vessels.

In the United Kingdom only:—

Persons on the active list of the permanent Civil Service of the Crown who are on a scale of salary commencing at £600 a year or over.

Persons authorised to issue licences for marriages.

Members of a police force not below the rank of Sergeant.

In Foreign Countries only:—

British Diplomatic or Consular Officers empowered by law to administer Oaths.

Notaries Public or other persons competent by the law of the country to administer Oaths.

THIRD SCHEDULE

FORM No. 1

Registrar's Certificate

I, **A.B.**, Registrar of the District of _____ in the County of _____ do hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____ Notice was duly entered in the Marriage Notice Book of the said District, of the Marriage intended between the Parties named and described, delivered under the hand of **C.D.** one of the Parties; (that is to say):—

Name and Surname	Condition	Rank or Profession	Age	Dwelling Place	Length of Residence	Church, Chapel, or Place of Worship which the Parties usually attend respectively	Church, Chapel, Place of Public Worship, or Building in which the Marriage is to be solemnized	District and County in which the Parties respectively dwell
								District of _____ County of _____
								District of _____ County of _____

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Date of Notice entered 19 _____ } No impediment to the proposed marriage has been shown to me to exist and where either party is a minor the consent, or order dispensing therewith, has been produced.
 Date of Certificate given 19 _____ }

Witness my hand, this _____ day of _____ } Registrar.
 One Thousand Nine Hundred and _____ }

This Certificate will be void unless the Marriage is solemnized on or before the _____ day of _____ 19 _____

FORM No. 2

Licence of Marriage

WHEREAS a Marriage is intended to be solemnized between **A.B.** of and **C.D.** of and whereas application for a licence has been made to me, **E.F.**, the Presbyterian Minister duly authorised by the Governor of Northern Ireland, pursuant to the provisions of the Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1844, to issue Marriage Licences within the bounds of the Presbytery of : and whereas I have received the certificate required by law from the Rev. **G.H.** Minister of the congregation of of which **A.B. (or C.D.)** is a Member: and whereas I have duly ascertained, by the oath (or affirmation) of the said **A.B. (or C.D.)** that there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said Marriage, and that **A.B. (or C.D.)** has had his (or her) usual place of abode for the space of fifteen days last past within the bounds of the Presbytery of and, *(in cases where either party is under age)*, that **A.B. (or C.D.)** is under the age of twenty-one years: and whereas there has been produced to me the consent of **I.B.** and **J.B.** whose consent to the Marriage is required by law, *(or an order of the County Court of the County of dispensing with consent to the marriage, as the case may be):*

Now I do hereby grant unto the Rev. or other the Minister officiating in the certified Presbyterian Meeting-house of full licence, according to the authority in that behalf given to me by the said Act, to proceed to solemnize such Marriage: provided that the said marriage be publicly solemnized, in the presence of two witnesses within one calendar month from the date hereof in the certified Presbyterian Meeting-house of *(here describe the Meeting-house in which the Marriage is to be solemnized)* between the hours of eight in the forenoon and six in the afternoon

Given under my hand, this day of one thousand nine hundred and

(Signed) **E.F.**
Licenser.

FORM No. 3

Licence of Marriage

A.B. Registrar of the District of to **C.D.** of and **E.F.** of sendeth greeting:

WHEREAS notice has been given that you intend to enter into a contract of Marriage under the provisions of the Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1844, and the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1863, and whereas you **C.D.** *(or E.F.)* have made and subscribed a declaration under your hand that you believe there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said Marriage, and that you **C.D. (or E.F.)** have *(or has)* had your *(or his or her)* usual place of abode for the space of fifteen days last past within the District of and *(in cases where either party is under age)*, that you **C.D. (or E.F.)** are *(or is)* under the age of twenty-one years: and whereas there has been produced to me the consent of **G.D.** and **H.D.** whose consent to the Marriage is required by law, *(or an order of the County Court of the County of dispensing with consent to the Marriage, as the case may be):*

I do hereby grant unto you full licence, according to the authority in that behalf given to me by the said Acts, to proceed to solemnize such Marriage: provided that the said Marriage be publicly solemnized, in the presence of two witnesses, within three calendar months from the *(here insert the date of the entry in the Marriage Notice Book of the Registrar)* in the *(here describe the building in which the Marriage is to be solemnized)* between the hours of eight in the forenoon and six in the afternoon.

Given under my hand, this day of one thousand nine hundred and

(Signed) **A.B.**
Registrar.

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FORM No. 4

I, the undersigned **A.B.** of _____ hereby solemnly declare, That I believe there is no impediment of kindred or alliance, or other lawful hindrance to my Marriage with **C.D.** of _____ and that we the above-named **A.B.** and **C.D.** have for the space of One Month immediately preceding the giving the Notice of our Marriage, usually attended Divine Worship in the (*here insert the name of the place of Public Worship*) belonging to the (*here insert the name of the Church or Religious Community to which such place of Worship shall belong (as the case may be)*) within the District of _____ and County of _____ and that I, the above-named **A.B.** have for the space of *Fifteen Days* immediately preceding the giving the Notice of Marriage had my usual place of abode and residence (*if the Marriage is intended to be had in a Church or Chapel of the Church of Ireland, insert the following words—"in the Parish of _____," or "in the Ecclesiastical District of _____," (as the case may be), and add the name of the Parish or Ecclesiastical District in which one of the parties resides*) within the District of _____ and County of _____

And I further declare that I am not a Minor under the age of Twenty-one years, and that the other Party herein named and described is not a Minor under the age of Twenty-one years (*if one or both of the parties be under age the appropriate words must be deleted*).

And I further declare, that she (*or, I*), the said **C.D.** (*or, A.B.*) is (*or, am*) a Minor under the age of Twenty-one years, and that there is required by law the consent of **E.D.** and **F.D.** to her (*or, my*) Marriage, (*or, an order of the County Court of the County of _____ dispensing with consent to her (or, my) Marriage (as the case may be)*).

AND I make the foregoing Declarations solemnly and deliberately, conscientiously believing the same to be true, pursuant to the provisions of the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1863, well knowing that every person who shall knowingly and wilfully make or sign or subscribe any false Declaration, or who shall sign any false Notice for the purpose of procuring any Marriage under the provisions of the said Act above-mentioned, or of any Act therein recited, shall suffer the penalties of Perjury. In witness whereof I have hereunto set and subscribed my hand, this _____ day of _____

A.B.

Signed and Declared by the above-named

A.B. in the presence of**G.H.**

Registrar of the District of _____

FORM No. 5

Licence of Marriage

A.B. appointed to issue Licences for Marriages in the District of _____ under the provisions of the "Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870", to **G.D.** of _____ and **E.F.** of _____ sendeth greeting:

WHEREAS notice has been given that you intend to enter into a contract of Marriage under the provisions of the Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870: And whereas you **G.D.** (or **E.F.**) have made and subscribed a declaration under your hand, that you believe there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said Marriage, and that you **G.D.** (or **E.F.**) have (or has) had your (or his or her) usual place of abode for the space of fourteen days last past within the District of _____ and (in cases where either party is under age), that you **G.D.** (or **E.F.**) are (or is) under the age of twenty-one years: and whereas there has been produced to me the consent of **G.D.** and **H.D.** whose consent to the Marriage is required by law, (or an order of the County Court of the County of _____ dispensing with consent to the Marriage, as the case may be):

I do hereby grant unto you full licence, according to the authority in that behalf given to me by the said Act, to proceed to solemnize such Marriage; provided that the said Marriage be publicly solemnized, in the presence of two witnesses, within three calendar months from the (here insert the date of the receipt of the notice by the person issuing the licence) in the (here describe the building in which the Marriage is to be solemnized), between the hours of eight in the forenoon and six in the afternoon.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ one thousand nine hundred and _____

(Signed)

A.B.
Licenser.

MENTAL HEALTH

Qualifications of Medical Officers and Medical Practitioners

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH MARCH, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1954. No. 29

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections one hundred and one hundred and five of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Qualifications of Medical Officers and Medical Practitioners) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.