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CHAPTER 15

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- 1 Minimum age for marriage.

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- 2 Marriage of related persons.

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- 4 Marriage notice book and list of intended marriages.
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- 8 Persons who may solemnise marriage.

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The Marriage with Foreigners Act 1906 (c. 40)

- 2 In section 1(1) (British subject giving notice of intended foreign...
- 3 In section 2(1) (provision for regulations in relation to foreigners...

The Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76)

- 4 In section 37(1) (one party resident in Scotland)—

The Marriage (Scotland) Act 1956 (c. 70)

- 5 In section 1 (notice of marriage intended to be solemnised...

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The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 (c. 49)

- 6 In section 11 (general provision as to fees)—
- 7 In section 12 (fees to be accounted for), at the...
- 8 In section 32(1) (provision of registers etc. by Registrar General),...
- 9 In section 52 (sending of documents by post), after the...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

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