



Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977

1977 CHAPTER 15

GENERAL

26 Interpretation.

- (1) Except where the context otherwise requires and subject to subsection (2) below, expressions used in this Act and in the ^{M1}Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 have the same meanings in this Act as in that Act.
- (2) In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—
 - [^{F1}“annulment” includes any decree or declarator of nullity of marriage, however expressed.]
 - “approved celebrant” has the meaning assigned to it by section 8(2)(a) of this Act;
 - “authorised registrar” has the meaning assigned to it by section 8(2)(b) of this Act;
 - “district registrar” means the registrar for the registration district in which the marriage is to be or has been solemnised;
 - “name” includes surname;
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Registrar General;
 - “religious body” means an organised group of people meeting regularly for common religious worship.
- (3) Except where the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any other enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 26: s. 25 (with ss. 3(1), 19(2) and 26) power exercised (12.12.1991) by [S.I.1991/2816](#).
P2 S. 26: for previous exercises of this power see Index to Government Orders.

Status: Point in time view as at 12/12/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Definition inserted by [Family Law Act 1986 \(c. 55, SIF 49:3\)](#), ss. 68(1), 69(6), [Sch. 1 para. 22](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1965 c. 49](#).

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