



# Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977

## 1977 CHAPTER 15

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- (1) A marriage may be solemnised by and only by—
- (a) a person who is—
    - (i) a minister of the Church of Scotland ; or
    - (ii) a minister, clergyman, pastor, or priest of a religious body prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State, or who, not being one of the foregoing, is recognised by a religious body so prescribed as entitled to solemnise marriages on its behalf; or
    - (iii) registered under section 9 of this Act; or
    - (iv) temporarily authorised under section 12 of this Act; or
  - (b) a person who is a district registrar or assistant registrar appointed under section 17 of this Act.
- (2) In this Act—
- (a) any such person as is mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above is referred to as an " approved celebrant ", and a marriage solemnised by an approved celebrant is referred to as a " religious marriage " ;
  - (b) any such person as is mentioned in subsection (1)(b) above is referred to as an " authorised registrar ", and a marriage solemnised by an authorised registrar is referred to as a " civil marriage " .