



Marriage Act 1949

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PART I

RESTRICTIONS ON MARRIAGE

1 Marriages within prohibited degrees.

- (1) A marriage solemnized [^{F1}between a person and any person mentioned in the list in Part 1 of Schedule 1], shall be void.
- [^{F2}(2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, a marriage solemnized [^{F3}between a person and any person mentioned in the list in Part 2 of Schedule 1], shall be void.
- (3) Any such marriage as is mentioned in subsection (2) of this section shall not be void by reason only of affinity if both the parties to the marriage have attained the age of twenty-one at the time of the marriage and the younger party has not at any time before attaining the age of eighteen been a child of the family in relation to the other party.]

^{F4}(4)

^{F4}(5)

^{F4}(6)

^{F4}(7)

^{F4}(8)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\), s. 263\(10\)\(b\), Sch. 27 para. 13\(2\)](#); S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)
- F2** S. 1(2)–(5) inserted by [Marriage \(Prohibited Degrees of Relationship\) Act 1986 \(c. 16, SIF 49:1\), s. 1\(6\), Sch. 1 para. 2](#); original s. 1(2)(3) repealed by [Marriage \(Enabling\) Act 1960 \(c. 29\), Sch. 1](#)
- F3** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\), s. 263\(10\)\(b\), Sch. 27 para. 13\(3\)](#); S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(2)

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F4 S. 1(4)-(8) omitted (1.3.2007) by virtue of [The Marriage Act 1949 \(Remedial\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/438\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(a)** (with art. 1(2))

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