



Marriage Act 1949

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PART II

MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO RITES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Marriage by Common Licence

15 Places in which marriages may be solemnized by common licence.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, a common licence shall not be granted for the solemnization of a marriage in any church or chapel other than—
 - (a) the parish church of the parish, or an authorised chapel of the ecclesiastical district, in which one of the persons to be married has had his or her usual place of residence for fifteen days immediately before the grant of the licence; or
 - (b) a parish church or authorised chapel which is the usual place of worship of the persons to be married or of one of them.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, any parish in which there is no parish church or chapel belonging thereto or no church or chapel in which divine service is usually solemnized every Sunday, and any extra-parochial place which has no authorised chapel, shall be deemed to belong to any adjoining parish or chapelry.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 15 excluded (E.) (1.10.2008) by [Church of England Marriage Measure 2008 \(No. 1\)](#), **ss. 2(1), 5(2)**; [2008 No. 2](#), Instrument made by Archbishops
- C2** S. 15 excluded (18.3.2010) by [Marriage \(Wales\) Act 2010 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 3(1), 6(2)** (with s. 1)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Marriage Act 1949, Section 15.