



Marriage Act 1949

1949 CHAPTER 76

PART II

MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO RITES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Preliminary

5 Methods of authorising marriages

A marriage according to the rites of the Church of England may be solemnized—

- (a) after the publication of banns of matrimony;
- (b) on the authority of a special licence of marriage granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury or any other person by virtue of the Ecclesiastical Licences Act, 1533 (in this Act referred to as a "special licence");
- (c) on the authority of a licence of marriage (other than a special licence) granted by an ecclesiastical authority having power to grant such a licence (in this Act referred to as a "common licence"); or
- (d) on the authority of a certificate issued by a superintendent registrar under Part III of this Act.