



Marriage Act 1949

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PART IV

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

67 Interpretation of Part IV.

In this Part of this Act, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“general search” means a search conducted during any number of successive hours not exceeding six, without the object of the search being specified;

“incumbent” has the meaning assigned to it by section fifty-four of this Act;

“particular search” means a search of the indexes covering a period not exceeding five years for a specified entry;

“registering officer of the Society of Friends” means a person whom the recording clerk of the Society of Friends certifies in writing under his hand to the Registrar General to be a registering officer in England of that Society;

“secretary of a synagogue” means—

- (a) a person whom the President of the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews certifies in writing to the Registrar General to be the secretary of a synagogue in England of persons professing the Jewish religion;
- (b) the person whom twenty householders professing the Jewish religion and being members of the West London Synagogue of British Jews certify in writing to the Registrar General to be the secretary of that Synagogue;
- (c) [^{F1}the person whom twenty householders professing the Jewish religion and being members of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St. John’s Wood, certify in writing to the Registrar General to be the secretary of that Synagogue;
- (d) a person whom the secretary of either the West London Synagogue of British Jews or the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St. John’s Wood, certifies in writing to be the secretary of some other synagogue of not less than twenty householders professing the Jewish religion, being a synagogue which is connected with the said West London Synagogue or with the said

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Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St. John’s Wood, as the case may be, and has been established for not less than one year;]

“superintendent registrar” means—

- (a) in the case of a marriage registered by a clergyman, the superintendent registrar of the registration district in which [^{F2} is situated the church or chapel of which the incumbent keeps the marriage register book in which that marriage is registered;]
- (b) in the case of a marriage registered by a registering officer of the Society of Friends, the superintendent registrar of the registration district which is assigned by the Registrar General to that registering officer;
- (c) in the case of a marriage registered by the secretary of a synagogue, the superintendent registrar of the registration district which is assigned by the Registrar General to that secretary;
- (d) in the case of a marriage registered by an authorised person, the superintendent registrar of the registration district in which the registered building in which the marriage was solemnized is situated;
- (e) in the case of a Marriage registered by a registrar, the superintendent registrar of the registration district within which that registrar was appointed to act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Paras. (c)(d) substituted for para. (c) by [Marriage \(Secretaries of Synagogues\) Act 1959 \(c. 13\)](#), **s. 1**
- F2** Words substituted by [Marriage Act 1983 \(c. 32, SIF 49:1\)](#), s. 1(7), **Sch. 1 para. 19**

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