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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Registration of Marriages Regulations 1986**

**PART IV**

**CORRECTION OF ERRORS**

**Time when entry is complete**

**14.** An entry of marriage made by a registrar shall for the purposes of these regulations be deemed to have been completed when the registrar has signed the entry and has added his official description.

**Correction of errors before entry is complete**

**15.—(1)** Where under these regulations the registrar is required to correct an error in an entry of a marriage before the entry is complete he shall, subject to paragraph (2), make the correction in the following manner—

- (a) if a word is incorrect, he shall strike it out by a line drawn through it, so however that the word remains legible, and write the correct word above it;
- (b) if in any group of figures one or more figures is incorrect he shall strike out all the figures in the group by a line drawn through them, so however that they remain legible, and write the correct figures above them;
- (c) if a word has been omitted, he shall place a caret where the omission occurs and above the caret he shall write the omitted word, except that if there is sufficient space he shall write that word where the omission occurs and underline it;
- (d) all such corrected errors shall be numbered consecutively by the registrar from the beginning of the marriage register book starting with “one”, and on making such a correction the registrar shall write the number of the error in figures against the correction in the body of the entry and shall repeat the same number in words in the margin of the entry and add his initials;
- (e) if the particulars required to be entered in any two columns have been inadvertently transposed, the registrar shall, without any other correction, write in the margin of the entry a note of the error in the following form: “The particulars in column ... and column ... inadvertently transposed”, inserting the numbers of the columns and adding his initials;
- (f) if the particulars required to be entered in respect of the parties to a marriage, or the fathers of the parties, have been inadvertently transposed, the registrar shall, without any other correction, write in the margin of the entry a note to that effect, specifying the particulars to which the note relates, and add his initials.

(2) If it appears that an error has been made in the signature of one of the parties or witnesses to a marriage the signatory and not the registrar shall make the correction, and the registrar shall number the error and make a note in the margin as provided in paragraph (1)(d).

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### **Correction of errors in completed entry**

16. Where it appears or is represented to the superintendent registrar or the registrar that there is in a completed entry in a marriage register book in his custody an error to which section 61 of the Act relates he shall send a report to the Registrar General giving such information as the Registrar General may require, together with a copy of the entry, and shall comply with any instruction which the Registrar General may give for the purpose of verifying the facts of the case and of ascertaining whether the parties or witnesses would be available to witness the correction of the entry.

### **Copy of corrected or annotated entry to be sent to Registrar General**

17. Where a registrar makes any correction or annotation to a completed entry in a marriage register book he shall within seven days make and send to the Registrar General a copy of that entry as corrected or annotated (or both) including a copy of any marginal note, certified by—

- (a) the registrar, if the marriage register book containing that entry is in his custody (and paragraph (b) does not apply); or
- (b) the registrar and the superintendent registrar, if the marriage register book containing that entry is in the custody of the registrar and a quarterly copy of the entry has been certified; or
- (c) the superintendent registrar, if the marriage register book containing that entry is in his custody.