

**1986 No. 1442****REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES,  
ETC.  
ENGLAND AND WALES****The Registration of Marriages Regulations 1986**

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The Registrar General in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 27(1) and (2), 27A(3), (4) and (7), 27B(2)(b), 31(2) and (5), 32(2) and (4), 35(1), 55(1), 57(2), 74 and 76(5) of the Marriage Act 1949(a), section 20(a) of the Registration Service Act 1953(b) and sections 2(1), 7 and 18 of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970(c) and of all other powers enabling him

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(a) 1949 c.76; section 27A was inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage Act 1983 (c.32) and section 27B by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Act 1986 (c.16); section 74 was amended by Schedule 2 to the Registration Service Act 1953 (c.37).

(b) 1953 c.37.

(c) 1970 c.34.

in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Social Services(a), hereby makes the following regulations:—

PART I

GENERAL

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Registration of Marriages Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1986 except for regulation 6 which shall come into operation on 1st November 1986.

*Interpretation*

2.— (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Marriage Act 1949;

“the 1970 Act” means the Marriage (Registrar General’s Licence) Act 1970;

“entry” means a record of the particulars relating to a marriage completed in the appropriate places in form 13;

“occupation” includes rank or profession.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

(a) any reference to a numbered regulation is to the regulation in these regulations bearing that number and any reference in a regulation to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph (of that regulation) bearing that number;

(b) any reference to a numbered form is to the form bearing that number in Schedule 1 to these regulations and any reference to a numbered column on a form is to the column bearing that number on that form.

PART II

PRELIMINARIES TO MARRIAGE

*Forms of notice of marriage*

3. The form of notice of marriage to be given shall be—

(a) under section 27(1) of the Act (marriage intended to be solemnized on authority of certificate of superintendent registrar without licence), form 1;

(b) under section 27(2) of the Act (marriage intended to be solemnized on authority of certificate of superintendent registrar by licence), form 2;

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(a) In relation to the references to the Minister of Health in section 74 of the Marriage Act 1949 and section 20 of the Registration Service Act 1953, see the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699), article 2.

- (c) under section 2(1) of the 1970 Act (marriage intended to be solemnized on authority of Registrar General's licence), form 3.

*Endorsement on notice of marriage*

4. The form of endorsement on the notice of marriage to be made under section 35(1) of the Act (marriage intended to be solemnized in a registered building which is not within a registration district in which either party resides) shall be form 4.

*Statements and particulars for intended marriage of house-bound or detained person*

5. Where a marriage is intended to be solemnized in pursuance of section 26(1)(dd) of the Act(a) at the residence of a house-bound or detained person (defined in section 27A(1) of the Act(b) as a "relevant person")—

- (a) the form of medical statement which if the relevant person is not a detained person is (pursuant to section 27A(2) of the Act) to accompany the notice of marriage shall be form 5;
- (b) the form of statement which if the relevant person is a detained person is (pursuant to section 27A(3) of the Act) to accompany the notice of marriage shall be form 6;
- (c) the form of particulars of the person by or before whom the marriage is intended to be solemnized which (pursuant to section 27A(4) of the Act) are required to be given to the superintendent registrar shall be form 7 and the particulars required to be given shall be those there specified.

*Declaration for intended marriage of certain persons related by affinity*

6.— (1) Where a marriage mentioned in section 1(2) of the Act(c) is intended to be solemnized on the authority of a certificate of a superintendent registrar, the form of declaration to be made, pursuant to section 27B(2)(b) of the Act(d), by each of the persons to be married shall be form 8.

(2) A declaration mentioned in paragraph (1) shall be signed, in the space provided, by the person making it in the presence of the superintendent registrar who shall then, in the space provided, sign the declaration as witness and add his description.

(3) The superintendent registrar referred to in paragraph (2) is the superintendent registrar or, as the case may be, either of the two superintendent registrars, to whom notice of the marriage is required to be given.

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(a) Section 26(1)(dd) was inserted by paragraph 4(a) of Schedule 1 to the Marriage Act 1983.

(b) Section 27A was inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage Act 1983.

(c) Section 1(2) was inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Act 1986.

(d) Section 27B was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Act 1986.

*Authorities for marriage issued by a superintendent registrar and by the Registrar General*

7.—(1) The form of certificate for marriage to be issued by a superintendent registrar under section 31(2) of the Act (marriage without licence) shall be form 9.

(2) The form of certificate and licence for marriage to be issued by a superintendent registrar under section 32(2) of the Act (marriage by licence) shall be form 10.

(3) The form of the Registrar General's licence for marriage to be issued under section 7 of the 1970 Act shall be form 11.

*Form of instructions for solemnization of a marriage in a registered building without the presence of a registrar*

8. The form of instructions to be given by a superintendent registrar under section 31(5) or 32(4) of the Act, as the case may be, to one of the persons whose marriage is to be solemnized in a registered building for which an authorised person has been appointed and no notice has been given requiring the presence of a registrar, shall be form 12.

*Combination of forms*

9. Any form prescribed by this Part of these regulations may be combined with any other such form.

## PART III

## REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE (INCLUDING DUTIES OF REGISTRAR)

*Form of registration of particulars and place of registration*

10.—(1) The form of registration of the particulars relating to a marriage pursuant to section 55(1) of the Act shall be Part I of form 13 together with the form of attestation in Part II of that form which is appropriate to the place and manner of solemnization.

(2) Where a registrar is required to register the marriage, he shall register it, immediately after the solemnization of the marriage and in accordance with the provisions of this Part of these regulations, within the premises where it was solemnized.

*Manner of registration*

11.—(1) Where a registrar is required to register the marriage he shall, subject to paragraph (5), enter the particulars required in each column of Part I of form 13.

(2) In column 4 the registrar shall enter the condition of the parties to the marriage in the following manner—

(a) if a party has not previously been married, he shall enter the word "Bachelor" or, as the case may be, "Spinster";

- (b) if a party's previous marriage was terminated by death he shall enter the word "Widower" or, as the case may be, "Widow";
- (c) if a party's previous marriage was annulled on the ground that the marriage was voidable, he shall enter the words "Previous marriage annulled";
- (d) if a party's previous marriage was terminated by divorce he shall enter the words "Previous marriage dissolved";
- (e) if the marriage is between two parties who have previously been through a form of marriage with each other (not being a marriage which is known to have been null and void) and neither of them has since married a third party, then (and notwithstanding sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) above)—
  - (i) if the previous marriage was terminated by divorce, he shall enter the words "Previously married at ..... on ..... Marriage dissolved on .....", inserting particulars of the place and date of the previous marriage and the date of its dissolution, or
  - (ii) if the previous marriage was annulled, he shall enter the words "Previously married at ..... on ..... Marriage annulled on .....", inserting particulars of the place and date of the previous marriage and the date of its annulment, or
  - (iii) if the ceremony was performed for the avoidance of doubt as to the validity of a previous ceremony, he shall enter the words "Previously went through a form of marriage at ..... on .....", inserting the particulars of the place and date of the previous ceremony;

and no further entry shall be made in column 4.

(3) In column 6 if either of the parties has moved into another district since the notice of marriage was given, the registrar shall enter the words "Late of ..... but now residing at .....", inserting the full address of both residences.

(4) In column 7 if the father of either party to the marriage is deceased, the registrar shall enter the word "deceased" after the surname.

(5) Where it appears to the registrar that he cannot enter the particulars required in any column in Part I of form 13 he shall draw a line in ink through that column.

#### *Entry of attestation*

12. In the form of attestation set out in Part II of form 13 the registrar shall enter in the places respectively provided for the purpose the following particulars:—

- (a) if the marriage has been solemnized in a registered building according to the rites and ceremonies of any religious body or denomination, the description of the registered building, the title of the body or denomination according to the rites and ceremonies of which the marriage has been solemnized, and the word "certificate" or, as the case may be, "licence";
- (b) if the marriage has been solemnized in a superintendent registrar's

office, the words “register office” and the word “certificate” or, as the case may be, “licence”;

- (c) if the marriage has been solemnized on the authority of a Registrar General’s licence, the address of the place in which the marriage has been solemnized, the title of the religious body or denomination, if any, according to the rites and ceremonies of which the marriage has been solemnized, and the words “Registrar General’s licence”;
- (d) if the marriage has been solemnized at a person’s residence in pursuance of section 26(1)(dd) of the Act, the address of the place in which the marriage has been solemnized, the title of the religious body or denomination, if any, according to the rites and ceremonies of which the marriage has been solemnized and the word “certificate”.

*Signing the register*

**13.**—(1) After entering the required particulars the registrar shall call upon the parties to the marriage to verify those particulars and, if it appears that any error has been made, the registrar shall thereupon in the presence of the parties make the necessary correction in the manner provided in regulation 15.

(2) When the required particulars have been verified in accordance with paragraph (1) the registrar shall call upon the parties to sign the marriage register book in the spaces provided and after the parties have signed the register book the registrar shall call upon the witnesses to sign similarly.

(3) The registrar shall then call upon the minister or other person, if any, or the superintendent registrar by or before whom the marriage was solemnized to sign the marriage register book in the space provided and to add his official designation or description.

(4) The registrar shall then sign the marriage register book in the space provided and add his official description.

(5) Where a person who is required under paragraph (2) or (3) to sign the marriage register book makes a mark or signs in characters other than those used in the English or Welsh languages, the registrar shall write against the mark or signature the words “The mark (or signature) of .....,” inserting the forenames and surname of the person.

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).

*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.

## PART V

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### *Quarterly certified copies*

**18.** For the purposes of section 57(2) of the Act (which requires registrars to make quarterly returns to superintendent registrars), the form of certification by a registrar—

- (a) of a true copy of all entries of marriages made in the marriage register book during a period, shall be form 14; and
- (b) that no marriage has been registered in that book during that period, shall be form 15.

#### *Applications for certificates for certain purposes*

**19.** Where a person wishes to make an application to a registrar for a certificate of marriage for the purposes of section 10 of the Savings Bank Act 1887(a), the registrar shall on request provide that person without charge with a form of application supplied by the Registrar General.

#### *Offences and proceedings*

**20.**—(1) If it appears to a superintendent registrar or a registrar that any offence under or breach of the Act or the 1970 Act or, so far as they relate to marriages, the Perjury Act 1911(b) or the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981(c) has been committed, he shall report the matter to the Registrar General and he shall deliver to the Registrar General such documents in his possession relating to the offence or breach as the Registrar General may require.

(2) Except with the authority of the Registrar General, a superintendent registrar shall not commence any proceedings in respect of an offence under section 76(1) or (2) of the Act.

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(a) 1887 c.40; section 10 was amended by Part III of Schedule 6 to the Post Office Act 1969 (c.48) and by Schedule 4 to the Trustee Savings Banks Act 1985 (c.58) and by the Schedule to the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Fees Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1960).

(b) 1911 c.6.

(c) 1981 c.45.

*Consequential amendments*

21.—(1) The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968(a) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In the definition of “entry” in regulation 2(1) and in each of regulations 14, 71, 72(1) and 84(1) for the words “, death or marriage” there shall be substituted the words “or death” and in the definition of “entry” for the reference to “, 9 or 23” there shall be substituted a reference to “or 9”.

(3) In regulation 77A(1) for the words “, deaths or marriages” there shall be substituted the words “or deaths”.

(4) In regulation 88—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) for the words “the Act, the” there shall be substituted the words “the Act or the”, and

(ii) the words “or the Marriage Act 1949” and “to marriages or” shall be omitted; and

(b) in paragraph (2) the words from “or under section 76(1)” to the end of the paragraph shall be omitted.

*Revocations and transitional provision*

22.—(1) The regulations specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations are hereby revoked to the extent mentioned in column 3 of that Schedule.

(2) Any form prescribed by any regulation revoked by paragraph (1) which is not also prescribed by any preceding provision of these regulations but which was in use immediately before the commencement of these regulations for any purpose for which these regulations provide may continue to be used for that purpose as a prescribed form under these regulations up to and including 31st December 1987.

Given under my hand on 7th August 1986.

*A. R. Thatcher,*  
Registrar General.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

*Trumpington,*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Health and Social Security.

20th August 1986.

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(a) S.I. 1968/2049; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1982/955.

## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(2)(b)

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Form I  
Notice of marriage without licence

Regulation 3(a)

PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE PERSONS TO BE MARRIED							
Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Period of residence (6)	Church or other building, or residence, in which the marriage is to be solemnized (7)	District and county of residence (8)
	years						
	years						

To the Superintendent Registrar of the district of ..... in the ..... (name and surname) .....  
 I, the above-named ..... give you notice that I and the other  
 person named above, intend to be married on the authority of a certificate without licence within  
 three months from the date of entry of this notice and I declare as follows:

- I believe that there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage.
- I and the other person named above have for the period of seven days immediately before the giving of this notice had our usual places of residence within the districts named in Column 8 above.
- In respect of myself  
 Either A I am eighteen years of age or over;  
 or B I am under the age of eighteen years;  
 (i) I will reach the age of eighteen years on ..... (date)  
 \*I am a widower/widow;  
 The consent of ..... (name(s)) ..... whose  
 consent is required by law has been obtained;  
 and/or  
 the necessity of obtaining the consent of ..... (name(s))  
 has been dispensed with as provided by law;  
 and/or  
 the ..... (name of court)  
 has been dispensed with as provided by law;  
 or (iv) There is no person whose consent to the marriage is required by law.
- In respect of the said ..... (name and surname)  
 Either A \*He/she is eighteen years of age or over.  
 or B If under the age of eighteen years:  
 (i) \*He/she will reach the age of eighteen years on ..... (date)  
 or (ii) \*He/she is a widower/widow;  
 or (iii) The consent of ..... (name(s)) ..... whose  
 consent is required by law has been obtained;  
 and/or  
 the necessity of obtaining the consent of ..... (name(s))  
 has been dispensed with as provided by law;  
 and/or  
 the ..... (name of court)  
 has been dispensed with as provided by law;  
 or (iv) There is no person whose consent to the marriage is required by law.
- I further declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the declarations which I have made above and the particulars relating to the persons to be married are true. I understand that if any of the declarations are false I MAY BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE PERJURY ACT 1911.
- I also understand that if, in fact, there is an impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the intended marriage the marriage may be invalid or void and the contracting of the marriage may render one or both of the parties GUILTY OF A CRIME AND LIABLE TO THE PENALTIES OF BIGAMY OR SUCH OTHER CRIME AS MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

(Signed) ..... Date .....  
 In the presence of ..... (Signature of registration officer)  
 Official designation .....  
 Registration district of .....  
 Place of residence .....

\*Delete whichever does not apply.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,  
MARRIAGES, ETC.

Marriage Act 1949, s.27(2.)

Form 2  
Notice of marriage with licence

PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE PERSONS TO BE MARRIED

Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Period of residence (6)	Church or other building in which the marriage is to be solemnized (7)	District and county of residence (8)
	years						
	years						

Regulation 3(b)

To the Superintendent Registrar of the district of ..... in the ..... (name and surname)

I, the above-named ..... give you notice that I and the other person named above intend to be married on the authority of a certificate and licence within three months from the date of entry of this notice and I declare as follows:

1. I believe that there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage.

2. \*I have/the other person named above has for the period of fifteen days immediately before the giving of this notice had my/his/her usual place of residence within the above district of ..... (name of district)

3. In respect of myself:  
 Either A I am eighteen years of age or over:  
 or B If under the age of eighteen years:  
 (i) I will reach the age of eighteen years on ..... (date)  
 \*I am a widower/widow:  
 or (ii) The consent of ..... whose  
 or (iii) ..... (name(s))  
 consent is required by law has been obtained;  
 and/or the necessity of obtaining the consent of ..... (name(s))

has been dispensed with as provided by law:  
 the ..... Court has consented to the marriage.  
 and/or (name of court)  
 or (iv) There is no person whose consent to the marriage is required by law.

4. In respect of the said ..... (name and surname)  
 Either A \*He/she is eighteen years of age or over.  
 or B If under the age of eighteen years:  
 (i) \*He/she will reach the age of eighteen years on ..... (date)  
 or (ii) \*He/she is a widower/widow:  
 or (iii) The consent of ..... whose  
 (name(s))  
 consent is required by law has been obtained;  
 and/or the necessity of obtaining the consent of ..... (name(s))

has been dispensed with as provided by law:  
 and/or the ..... Court has consented to the marriage.  
 or (iv) There is no person whose consent to the marriage is required by law.

5. I further declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the declarations which I have made above and the particulars relating to the persons concerned are true. I understand that if any of the declarations are false I MAY BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE PERJURY ACT 1911.

6. I also understand that if, in fact, there is an impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the intended marriage the marriage may be invalid or void and the contracting of the marriage may render one or both of the parties GUILTY OF A CRIME AND LIABLE TO THE PENALTIES OF BIGAMY OR SUCH OTHER CRIME AS MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

(Signed) ..... Date .....  
 In the presence of ..... (Signature of registration officer)  
 Official designation .....  
 Registration district of .....  
 Place of residence .....

\*Delete whichever does not apply.

Regulation 3(c) Form 3 Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970, s.2(1)

Notice of marriage by Registrar General's Licence PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE PERSONS TO BE MARRIED

Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Address of place at which the marriage is to be solemnized (6)
	years				
	years				

To the Superintendent Registrar of the district of ..... in the .....  
 I, the above-named ..... (name and surname) ..... give you notice that I and the other person named above intend to be married within one month from the date of entry of this notice, on the authority of a licence of the Registrar General issued under Section 1 of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970, and I declare as follows:

1. I believe that there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage.  
 2. In respect of myself  
 Either A I am eighteen years of age or over.  
 or B If under the age of eighteen years:  
 (i) I will reach the age of eighteen years on ..... (date)  
 or (ii) \*I am a widower/widow;  
 or (iii) The consent of ..... (name(s)) ..... whose consent is required by law has been obtained;  
 and/or ..... (name(s)) ..... the necessity of obtaining the consent of .....  
 and/or ..... (name(s)) ..... has been dispensed with by the Registrar General;  
 and/or ..... (name of court) ..... Court has consented to the marriage.  
 or (iv) There is no person whose consent to the marriage is required by law.

3. In respect of the said ..... (name and surname)  
 Either A \*He/she is eighteen years of age or over.  
 or B If under the age of eighteen years:  
 (i) \*He/she will reach the age of eighteen years on ..... (date)  
 or (ii) \*He/she is a widower/widow;  
 or (iii) The consent of ..... (name(s)) ..... whose consent is required by law has been obtained;  
 and/or ..... (name(s)) ..... the necessity of obtaining the consent of .....  
 and/or ..... (name(s)) ..... has been dispensed with by the Registrar General;  
 and/or ..... (name of court) ..... Court has consented to the marriage.  
 or (iv) There is no person whose consent to the marriage is required by law.

4. It is intended that the marriage shall be solemnized\* by ..... (name of celebrant) ..... or before the superintendent registrar of ..... (name of district) ..... registration district

5. I further declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the declarations which I have made above and the particulars relating to the persons to be married are true. I understand that if any of the declarations are false I MAY BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE PERJURY ACT 1911.

6. I also understand that if, in fact, there is an impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the intended marriage the marriage may be invalid or void and the contracting of the marriage may render one or both of the parties GUILTY OF A CRIME AND LIABLE TO THE PENALTIES OF BIGAMY OR SUCH OTHER CRIME AS MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

(Signed) ..... Date .....  
 In the presence of ..... (Signature)  
 Official designation ..... Superintendent Registrar  
 Registration district of .....  
 Place of residence .....

\*Delete whichever does not apply.

Regulation 4

Form 4

Marriage Act 1949, s.35(1)

Endorsement on notice of marriage

I declare that

- (a) I and the other person named in this notice desire our marriage to be solemnized according to the form, rite or ceremony of the .....  
(name of religious body)†  
to which I or the other person named in this notice belong(s)
- and (b) To the best of my belief there is not within the registration district in which I/the other person named in this notice\* reside(s) any registered building in which marriage is solemnized according to that form, rite or ceremony
- and (c) The registration district nearest to my/his/her\* place of residence in which there is a building in which marriage may be so solemnized is .....  
(name of district)
- and (d) We intend to solemnize our marriage in the registered building described in this notice which is situated within that district.

(Signed) ..... Date .....

†This must be the name of a body or denomination of Christians or other persons meeting for religious worship.

\*Delete whichever does not apply.

Regulation 5(a)                      Form 5                      Marriage Act 1949, s.27A(2) and (7)

Statement by registered medical practitioner

Proposed marriage of

..... and .....  
(name and surname of man)                      (name and surname of woman)

I ..... being a registered medical practitioner,  
state that in my opinion .....  
(name and surname of patient)

who is at present residing at .....  
ought not, by reason of illness or disability, to move or be moved from the place stated,  
and it is likely that this will be the case for at least the next three months.

Date ..... (Signed) .....

Address .....  
.....



Regulation 5(b)

Form 6

Marriage Act 1949, s.27A(3)

## Statement by responsible authority

Proposed marriage of

..... and .....  
(name and surname of man) (name and surname of woman)I ..... being the responsible  
(full names)authority for the place of detention known as .....  
(address)at which ..... is being detained  
(name and surname of person)state that I have no objection to that establishment being specified in the notice of  
marriage as the place where the marriage of the above-named person is to be solemnized.Date ..... (Signed) .....  
Designation .....

Regulation 5(c)

Form 7

Marriage Act 1949, s.27A(4)

Particulars of person by or before whom marriage is to be solemnized

I, the undersigned, give you notice that the proposed marriage referred to in this notice

\*<sup>(a)</sup> is intended to be solemnized according to the rites and ceremonies of .....

.....  
(religious denomination)

by .....  
(name and address of celebrant)

or \*<sup>(b)</sup> is intended to be solemnized before the superintendent registrar of the  
registration district of .....  
(name of district)

(Signed) ..... Date .....

\*Delete whichever does not apply.

Regulation 6

Form 8

Marriage Act 1949, s.27B(2)(b)

Declaration for marriages of certain persons related by affinity

To the Superintendent Registrar of the district of .....

MARRIAGE  
OF  
AND

.....  
(Name and surname of man)

.....  
(Name and surname of woman)

Date of birth .....

Date of birth .....

Address .....

Address .....

I, ..... declare that I and the other person  
(Name and surname)  
named above are related in that he/she is the \* .....

I further declare that the younger of us has not at any time before attaining the age of  
eighteen years been a child of the family in relation to the other.

Signed .....  
Date .....

In the presence of .....  
(Signature)

Official Designation .....  
Registration district of .....

\*Insert whichever of the following applies

- daughter of my former wife
- former wife of my father
- former wife of my father's father
- former wife of my mother's father
- daughter of the son of my former wife
- daughter of the daughter of my former wife

- son of my former husband
- former husband of my mother
- former husband of my father's mother
- former husband of my mother's mother
- son of the son of my former husband
- son of the daughter of my former husband

Regulation 7(1) Marriage Act 1949, s.31(2)

Form 9

Certificate for marriage

I, ....., Superintendent Registrar of the district of ..... hereby certify that on the ..... day of ..... notice was duly entered in the Marriage Notice Book of the said district of the marriage intended to be solemnized between the parties hereinafter named and described.

Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Period of residence (6)	Church or other building, or residence, in which the marriage is to be solemnized (7)	District and county of residence (8)
	years						
	years						

I further certify that the issue of this certificate has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof.

Date of issue ..... Signature ..... Superintendent Registrar

**NOTE:**  
 This certificate will be void if the marriage is not solemnized within three months from the date of entry of notice given above.  
 The marriage must be solemnized on or before .....

Regulation 7(2) Form 10 Marriage Act 1949, s.32(2)

Certificate and licence for marriage

I, ....., Superintendent Registrar of the district of .....  
in the ..... hereby certify that on the ..... day of .....  
19..... notice was duly entered in the Marriage Notice Book of the said district of the marriage intended to  
be solemnized between the parties hereinafter named and described.

Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Period of residence (6)	Church or other building in which the marriage is to be solemnized (7)	District and county of residence (8)
	years						
	years						

I further certify that the issue of this certificate has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof.

Now therefore I, the said Superintendent Registrar, grant to the above-named parties licence to contract and solemnize their intended marriage.

Date of issue ..... Signature ..... Superintendent Registrar

**NOTE:**

**This certificate and licence will be void if the marriage is not solemnized within three months from the date of entry of notice given above.**

The marriage must be solemnized on or before .....

Regulation 7(3)

Form 11 Marriage (Registrar General's  
Licence) Act 1970, s.7

## Registrar General's licence for marriage

Notice of the marriage intended to be solemnized on the authority of a licence of the Registrar General between the parties hereafter named and described having been entered on the ..... day of ..... 19..... in the Marriage Notice Book of the registration district of ..... in the ....., it is hereby certified that no lawful impediment to the issue of a licence has been shown to the satisfaction of the Registrar General to exist and that the issue of a licence has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof.

Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Address of place at which the marriage is to be solemnized (6)
	years				
	years				

Now therefore the Registrar General, being satisfied that the conditions contained in section 1(2) of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970 are met and that sufficient grounds exist why a licence should be granted, hereby grants to the said parties licence to contract and solemnize their intended marriage.

Date ..... Signature .....  
Registrar General

**NOTE:**

This licence will be void if the marriage is not solemnized within one month from the date of entry of notice given above.

The marriage must be solemnized on or before .....

## Form of instructions

**Instructions for the solemnization of a marriage in a registered building without the presence of a registrar**

1. This marriage must take place in the registered building named in the superintendent registrar's certificate or superintendent registrar's certificates for marriage, **and nowhere else.**

2. The authorised person duly appointed for the registered building named in the certificate or certificates, or an authorised person for some other registered building in the same registration district, must be present at the marriage.

3. At least two witnesses must also be present, and the doors of the registered building must be open. (The doors need not be actually open provided they are not so closed as to prevent persons from entering that part of the building in which the marriage is solemnized.)

4. Any certificate or certificates issued by a superintendent registrar as the legal authority for the marriage must be delivered to the authorised person in whose presence the marriage is to be solemnized. Unless this document (or those documents) are in his possession the authorised person must on no account allow the marriage to take place.

5. It is absolutely essential to the validity of the marriage that in some part of the ceremony each of the parties shall make the following declaration:—

“I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, A.B., may not be joined in matrimony to C.D.”

and that each of them shall say to the other either—

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, A.B., do take thee, C.D., to be my lawful wedded wife [or husband]”; or

“I A.B., do take thee, C.D., to be my wedded wife [or husband]”.

6. These declaratory and contracting words must be said in the presence of the authorised persons acting on the occasion and of the witnesses to the marriage.

7. Immediately after the marriage is solemnized the authorised person must register all the particulars prescribed by law in the duplicate marriage register books of the registered building in which the marriage has taken place; the entry in both books must be signed by the parties married, by at least two witnesses and by the authorised person.

8. After the registration of the marriage a certified copy of the entry thereof may be obtained from the authorised person on payment of the prescribed fee.

Regulation 10(1) Form 13 Marriage Act 1949, s.55(1)

Form of marriage entry

PART I

Particulars of marriage

..... Marriage solemnized at ..... in the .....  
of ..... in the .....

No.	1 When married	2 Name and surname	3 Age	4 Condition	5 Rank or profession	6 Residence at the time of marriage	7 Father's name and surname	8 Rank or profession of father

PART II

Particulars of Attestation

(i) For marriage according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England or of the Church of Wales.

Married in the ..... according to the rites and ceremonies of the ..... by .....  
or after ..... by me,

This marriage { ..... } in the { ..... }  
was solemnized { ..... } presence { ..... }  
between us, { ..... } of us, { ..... }

(ii) For marriage in the presence of a registrar and a superintendent registrar.

Married in the ..... by ..... before me,

This marriage { ..... } in the { ..... }  
was solemnized { ..... } presence { ..... }  
between us, { ..... } of us, { ..... }

(iii) For marriage in the presence of a registrar and without the presence of a superintendent registrar.

Married in the ..... according to the rites and ceremonies of the .....  
by ..... by me,

This marriage { ..... } in the { ..... }  
was solemnized { ..... } presence { ..... }  
between us, { ..... } of us, { ..... }

(iv) For marriage in a registered building in the presence of an authorised person.

Married in the ..... according to the rites and ceremonies of the ..... by .....

This marriage { ..... } in the { ..... } and in the .....  
was solemnized { ..... } presence { ..... } presence  
between us, { ..... } of us, { ..... } of

Authorised  
Person for  
.....

(v) For marriage according to the usages of the Society of Friends or the Jews.

Married in the ..... according to the usages of the ..... by .....

This marriage { ..... } in the { ..... }  
was solemnized { ..... } presence { ..... }  
between us, { ..... } of us, { ..... }



REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,  
MARRIAGES, ETC.

Regulation 18(a)

Form 14

Marriage Act 1949, s.57(2)

Quarterly return of marriages

I, ....., Registrar of the district of  
..... in the .....  
do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the entry (entries) of marriage registered in the  
said district from the entry of the marriage of .....  
and ..... number ..... to the entry of  
the marriage of ..... and .....  
number .....  
Date ..... Signature of registrar .....

Regulation 18(b)

Form 15

Marriage Act 1949, s.57(2)

Certificate of no registration

Registration District .....

I hereby certify that no marriage has been registered in the marriage register  
book now kept by me in the above-named district during the quarter ended  
.....  
19.....

The number of the last entry recorded in the register book prior to that date is  
.....

Date ..... Signature of registrar .....  
(Countersigned) .....  
Superintendent Registrar

## SCHEDULE 2

## Regulation 22(1)

## REVOCATIONS

Column 1 Regulations revoked	Column 2 References	Column 3 Extent of revocation
The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968.	S.I. 1968/2049.	In regulation 2(1), the definition of "authorised person".  Part XI. Regulation 77. Regulation 77A(3). Regulation 78(2).
The Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Regulations 1970.	S.I. 1970/1780.	The whole Regulations.
The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 1971.	S.I. 1971/1218.	The whole Regulations.
The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 1984.	S.I. 1984/460.	The whole Regulations.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations consolidate with mostly minor amendments the provisions of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968, and of subsequent amending regulations, relating to the registration of marriages, and also the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Regulations 1970. They prescribe the forms to be used for the preliminaries to marriage (regulations 3 to 9), the form of registration of particulars (regulation 10), and the manner of registration by registrars (regulations 11 to 13).

In addition, they make provision for the correction of marriage entries (regulations 14 to 17); for the form of certification of quarterly returns (regulation 18); for applications for marriage certificates for certain purposes (regulation 19); and for offences, in particular for offences under specified enactments to be reported to the Registrar General (regulation 20). Provision is also made for consequential amendments (regulation 21) and for revocation of the provisions replaced with transitional provision for continued use of existing forms until the end of 1987 (regulation 22).

The principal change of substance is the prescribing, consequential on the coming into force of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Act 1986, of a form of declaration of certain affinal relationships (regulation 6). Other changes of substance are the replacement of the four prescribed forms of notice of marriage without licence, and similarly the two forms of certificate for marriage, by a single form and the introduction of a separate form for the statement of the person by or before whom certain marriages are to be solemnized. Changes of substance are also made to regulation 11 (manner of registration). This no longer prescribes the manner in which the registrar is to complete the entry relating to age and it now prescribes the manner in which the marital condition of the parties to a marriage is to be entered where the parties have previously been through a form of marriage with each other and that marriage was annulled, neither party having since married a third person. In addition regulation 19 (application for certificate for certain purposes) does not include a reference to the purposes of section 160(2) of the Social Security Act 1975 (c. 14), the duties of registrars in this respect being governed by section 160(2) and (3) of that Act.

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