

**2007 No. 2164**

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES,  
ETC., ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 2007**

*Made* - - - - - *24th July 2007*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *17th August 2007*

The Registrar General, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon her by sections 55(1), 74 and 78 of the Marriage Act 1949(a), with the approval of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

**Amendment of the Registration of Marriages Regulations 1986**

2.—(1) The Registration of Marriages Regulations 1986(b) are amended as follows.

(2) After regulation 11(4) insert—

“(4A) In column 7, if either party to the marriage wishes to record a step-father’s name instead of the father’s name, the registrar shall enter the word “step-father” after the surname, provided he is or has been married to the mother.”.

**Amendment of the Marriage (Authorised Persons) Regulations 1952**

3.—(1) The Marriage (Authorised Persons) Regulations 1952(c) are amended as follows.

(2) After regulation 20, insert—

“**20A.** In column 7 (fathers name and surname) if either party wishes to record a step-father’s name instead of the father’s name, the authorised person shall enter the word “step-father” after the surname, provided he is or has been married to the mother.”.

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(a) 1949 c. 76.

(b) S.I. 1986/1442 as amended by S.I. 1995/744, S.I. 1997/2204, S.I. 2000/3164, S.I. 2005/155 and S.I. 2005/3177.

(c) S.I. 1952/1869 as amended by S.I. 1965/528, S.I. 1971/1216, S.I. 1974/573, S.I. 1986/1444, S.I. 2000/3164 and S.I. 2005/3177.

Given under my hand on

23rd July 2007

*Karen Dunnell*  
Registrar General

I approve

Signed by authority of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

24th July 2007

*Angela Eagle*  
Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Registration of Marriages Regulations 1986, and the Marriage (Authorised Persons) Regulations 1952. In particular, the amendments enable step-fathers' details instead of fathers' details to be recorded on the form of marriage entry if either party wishes it.

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