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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 412**

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS,  
DEATHS & MARRIAGES, ETC.**

**The Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

*Made - - - - 30th March 2021  
Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)  
and (3)*

The Registrar General makes the following Regulations with the approval of the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 21A(2), 27(1), 31(2) and (5), 53D(6) and (8), 53E(8) and (10) and 74(1), (1A) and (3) of the Marriage Act 1949(1).

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(1) 1949 c. 76 (12 & 13 Geo 6). Section 21A was inserted by paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/411) (“the 2021 Regulations”). Section 27(1) was amended by section 161 of, paragraph 8 of Schedule 14 to, and Schedule 16 to, the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) and by paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 1 to the 2021 Regulations. Section 31(2) was substituted by regulation 5(3) of the 2021 Regulations. Section 31(5) was amended by paragraph 14(b) of Schedule 14 to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and regulation 5(5) of the 2021 Regulations. Paragraph 53 of Schedule 1 to the 2021 Regulations also makes amendments to the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1956 (1956 c. 70 4 & 5 Eliz 2) which apply section 31, with modifications, so that it provides (in certain circumstances) for certificates for marriage to be issued under that section for the purposes of section 3(4) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 (c. 15) in a form prescribed under section 74 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sections 53D and 53E were inserted by regulation 7 of the 2021 Regulations. Section 74 was amended by Schedule 2 to the Registration Service Act 1953 (c. 37) and by paragraph 5(1) (d) of Schedule 2 to the Transfer of Functions (Registration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/678) and subsequently renumbered as section 74(1) by article 12 of the Registration of Marriages etc. (Electronic Communications and Electronic Storage) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/2821). Section 74(1) was amended by paragraph 19 of Schedule 15 to the Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19) and paragraph 43 of Schedule 1 to the 2021 Regulations, which also inserted subsection (1A). Section 74(1) is also modified by section 1(3B) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1956 inserted by paragraph 53(3) of Schedule 1 to the 2021 Regulations. Section 74(3) was inserted by paragraph 15 of Schedule 4 to the Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22).