
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 412

The Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Amendments to the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015

10. After regulation 11 insert—

“PART 2A

Delivery of marriage schedule or marriage document

Content of notices requiring delivery of signed marriage document or marriage schedule

11A.—(1) A notice issued to a person under section 53D(6) of the Act (notice requiring delivery of signed marriage document or marriage schedule)**(1)** must, in addition to imposing the requirement referred to in that section—

- (a) state that the notice is issued under section 53D(6) of the Act,
- (b) state the date on which the notice is issued,
- (c) explain what the person was required to do under section 53D(2) or (3)(b) (as the case may be) of the Act, and
- (d) say why the notice is being issued.

(2) A notice issued to a person under section 53D(8) of the Act (notice requiring personal delivery of signed marriage document or marriage schedule) must, in addition to imposing the requirement referred to in that section—

- (a) state that the notice is issued under section 53D(8) of the Act,
- (b) state the date on which the notice is issued and the date on which the notice previously issued to the person under section 53D(6) of the Act was issued,
- (c) say why the notice is being issued,
- (d) give the address of the premises at which the notice requires the person to attend,
- (e) state the period of time within which the person is required by section 53D(9) of the Act to comply with the notice, and
- (f) explain that the person may commit an offence under section 76A of the Act**(2)** if the person fails to comply with the notice.

(3) A notice issued to a person under section 53E(8) of the Act (notice requiring delivery of a reproduction of a marriage document or marriage schedule)**(3)** must, in addition to imposing the requirement referred to in that section—

- (a) state that the notice is issued under section 53E(8) of the Act,

(1) Section 53D was inserted by regulation 7 of the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021.

(2) Section 76A was inserted by paragraph 46 of Schedule 1 to the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021.

(3) Section 53E was inserted by regulation 7 of the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021

- (b) state the date on which the notice is issued,
 - (c) explain what the person was required to do under section 53E(3)(a) or (5)(a) (as the case may be) of the Act, and
 - (d) say why the notice is being issued.
- (4) A notice issued to a person under section 53E(10) of the Act (notice requiring personal delivery of a reproduction of a marriage document or marriage schedule) must, in addition to imposing the requirement referred to in that section—
- (a) state that the notice is issued under section 53E(10) of the Act,
 - (b) state the date on which the notice is issued and the date on which the notice previously issued to the person under section 53E(8) of the Act was issued,
 - (c) say why the notice is being issued,
 - (d) give the address of the premises at which the notice requires the person to attend,
 - (e) state the period of time within which the person is required by section 53E(11) of the Act to comply with the notice, and
 - (f) explain that the person may commit an offence under section 76A of the Act if the person fails to comply with the notice.

PART 2B

Custody of marriage schedules, marriage documents and register books

Retention of signed marriage documents and schedules by superintendent registrars

11B.—(1) As soon as practicable after a registrar has registered a marriage under section 53D(10)(a) of the Act, the registrar must send the marriage document or marriage schedule to the superintendent registrar in whose district the marriage was solemnized.

(2) A superintendent registrar who receives a marriage document or marriage schedule under paragraph (1) must keep it, together with the records of the superintendent registrar's office, for at least 5 years beginning with the day on which the superintendent registrar receives it.

Closure of marriage register books kept for registration of marriages solemnized in a registered building without the presence of a registrar

11C.—(1) This regulation applies to a marriage register book—

- (a) which, immediately before 4th May 2021, was kept for the purpose of registering marriages solemnized in a registered building without the presence of a registrar (and which had therefore not been filled immediately before that date), and
- (b) in which the particulars of at least one marriage have been registered.

(2) Until the obligation under paragraph (3)(b) has been complied with in relation to the marriage register book or the duplicate copy of that book, the authorised person for the registered building must keep the marriage register book—

- (a) in the registered building or in any other place where it was lawfully kept immediately before 4th May 2021, and
- (b) locked in a strong fire-resisting receptacle, except when access to it is required to register the particulars of a marriage or for the purposes of paragraph (3), or for any other lawful purpose.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the authorised person for the registered building must ensure that—

- (a) the marriage register book is closed as soon as practicable by striking through, in ink, all unused entries in it, and
- (b) the marriage register book or its duplicate copy (but not both) is sent to the appropriate superintendent registrar as soon as practicable after both copies have been closed under sub-paragraph (a).

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply in relation to a marriage register book until all the particulars of every pre-commencement marriage required to be registered in that marriage register book have been registered in that book and in the other copy of that book kept for that purpose.

(5) References in this regulation to the authorised person for a registered building are references to the authorised persons for the building where there is more than one authorised person for the building.

(6) In this regulation—

“the appropriate superintendent registrar” means the superintendent registrar of the registration district where the registered building is situated;

“pre-commencement marriage” means a marriage solemnized in the registered building before 4th May 2021 without the presence of a registrar.

Closure of marriage register books kept by a registrar

11D.—(1) This regulation applies to a marriage register book—

- (a) which was in the custody of a registrar under section 59 of the Act immediately before 4th May 2021 (and which had therefore not been filled immediately before that date), and
- (b) in which the particulars of at least one marriage have been registered.

(2) Until the obligation under paragraph (5) has been complied with in relation to the marriage register book, the registrar must continue to keep it in the manner in which it was required to be kept under section 59 of the Act immediately before 4th May 2021.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the registrar must close the marriage register book as soon as practicable by striking through, in ink, all unused entries in it.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply in relation to a marriage register book until all the particulars of every pre-commencement marriage required to be registered in that marriage register book have been registered in it.

(5) As soon as practicable after the registrar has closed the marriage register book under paragraph (3) and made all copies of entries in the book required for the purposes of complying with section 57 of the Act, the registrar must send the book to the appropriate superintendent registrar.

(6) In this regulation—

“the appropriate superintendent registrar” means the superintendent registrar of the registration district where the premises in which the marriage register book was kept immediately before 4th May 2021 are situated;

“pre-commencement marriage” means a marriage solemnized in the presence of the registrar before 4th May 2021.

Continued custody of marriage register books used for marriages solemnized in a registered building without the presence of a registrar

11E.—(1) This regulation applies to a marriage register book which has been used for the registration of marriages solemnized in a registered building without the presence of a registrar and which—

- (a) has been closed under regulation 11C and its duplicate copy delivered to a superintendent registrar, or
- (b) was, immediately before 4th May 2021, required by section 60(1)(c) of the Act to be kept in prescribed custody (within the meaning of that section).

(2) Subject to regulation 11F, the authorised person for the registered building must keep the marriage register book—

- (a) in the registered building, and
- (b) locked in a strong fire-resisting receptacle, except when access to it is required for a lawful purpose.

(3) Where there is more than one authorised person for the registered building, the reference to the authorised person in paragraph (2) is a reference to the authorised persons for the building.

Transfer of marriage register books when registration of a building is cancelled

11F.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where an application is made under section 42, 43C or 70 of the Act to cancel the registration of a registered building, each authorised person for the registered building must ensure that every marriage register book kept in that building is sent immediately to the Registrar General.

(2) Where an application referred to in paragraph (1) is made without the knowledge of an authorised person for the building, the obligation under paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to that authorised person until that authorised person becomes aware that the application has been made.

Keeping of marriage register books by superintendent registrars

11G.—(1) Where a filled marriage register book is in the keeping of a superintendent registrar immediately before 4th May 2021, the superintendent registrar must continue to keep it with the records of the superintendent registrar’s office.

(2) A superintendent registrar to whom a marriage register book is sent under regulation 11C or 11D must keep it with the records of the superintendent registrar’s office.

PART 2C

**Correction of marriage schedules, marriage documents,
marriage register books and the marriage register**

Correction of marriage schedule: marriage to be solemnized in presence of registrar or authorised person

11H.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) a marriage is to be solemnized on the authority of a marriage schedule in the presence of a registrar or in a registered building in the presence of an authorised person, and

- (b) it appears to the registrar or the authorised person, before the marriage is solemnized, that the marriage schedule requires correction.
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation, a marriage schedule requires correction so far as—
- (a) any particulars (other than signatures) are missing from any of spaces 1 to 6, 8, 10 and 11 on the marriage schedule form,
 - (b) any particulars in spaces 1 to 7 on the form have been incorrectly entered or are otherwise inaccurate,
 - (c) particulars are included, in relation to a party, in space 7 (particulars of parents or step-parents) on the form about any person whose particulars the party does not wish the schedule to include, or
 - (d) there are no particulars in that space, in relation to a party, about a parent or step-parent of that party whose particulars the party wishes the schedule to include, and the party has provided the required particulars of that parent or step-parent to the registrar or authorised person in whose presence the marriage is to be solemnized.
- (3) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, the registrar or authorised person must make the amendments necessary to correct the marriage schedule, so far as it appears to require correction, before the marriage is solemnized.
- (4) Where a marriage schedule appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (2)(b), an amendment made under paragraph (3) to correct the incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars must be made in such a way that those particulars remain legible.
- (5) Where the marriage schedule appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (2)(d), the registrar or authorised person—
- (a) must enter the particulars of the parent or step-parent provided by the party in space 7 on the form in accordance with regulation 9C(2) or (3) (as the case may be) as though the registrar or authorised person were a superintendent registrar entering particulars under that regulation, but
 - (b) must not enter any particulars of any parent or step-parent in relation to the party if the result would be that, when the marriage is solemnized, space 7 in the column relating to that party on the form contains particulars of more than four individuals in total.
- (6) Where a registrar or authorised person corrects or adds particulars in space 4 (condition of the parties) on a marriage schedule form under this regulation, regulation 9B applies to determine what is to be entered in that space by the registrar or authorised person as it does to prescribe the content of that space in a marriage schedule issued by a superintendent registrar.
- (7) Where the marriage schedule was issued in Wales and appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (2)(a) or (b), any amendment to make the necessary correction—
- (a) must be made in English where it is made to add missing particulars which were required to be entered in English or to correct incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars which were entered or required to be entered in English, and
 - (b) must be made in Welsh where it is made to add missing particulars which were required to be entered in Welsh or to correct incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars which were entered or required to be entered in Welsh.
- (8) Where the marriage schedule was issued in Wales, contains particulars entered in Welsh and appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (2)(d), any necessary amendment must be made by adding particulars in English and Welsh.

(9) An amendment made under paragraph (3) must be made—

- (a) in the presence of the parties to the marriage, and
- (b) in ink of durable quality.

(10) A registrar or authorised person making an amendment under paragraph (3) to particulars in any of spaces 1 to 7, 8, 10 and 11 of a marriage schedule form must initial the amendment, and ensure that it is initialled by the parties to the marriage, before the marriage is solemnized.

(11) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b), particulars in space 7 on a marriage schedule form—

- (a) are not inaccurate by reason only of the fact that any particular person either is or is not included as a parent or step-parent of the party, but
- (b) are inaccurate so far as they fail to include—
 - (i) the word “deceased” in relation to a parent or step-parent who has died, or
 - (ii) the word “retired” in relation to a parent or step-parent who has retired from a former occupation stated in the particulars relating to that parent or step-parent.

(12) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b), particulars in space 4 on a marriage schedule form are not inaccurate so far as they describe a party as “Single” as a result of that word having been entered in relation to that party in that space at that party’s request in accordance with these Regulations.

(13) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(d), the “required particulars” of a parent or step-parent are the parent’s or step-parent’s—

- (a) name and surname, and
- (b) current occupation or, if the parent or step-parent has no current occupation or has died, former occupation (if any).

Correction of marriage schedule: other marriages to be solemnized on authority of marriage schedule

111.—(1) This regulation applies where a marriage is to be solemnized on the authority of a marriage schedule according to—

- (a) the rites of the Church of England,
- (b) the usages of the Society of Friends, or
- (c) the usages of the Jews.

(2) Where it appears to the specified person who is to sign the marriage schedule, before the marriage is solemnized, that the marriage schedule requires correction, the specified person may make amendments to the marriage schedule to correct it, so far as it appears to require correction.

(3) But a marriage schedule may only be corrected—

- (a) in a manner permitted by this regulation, and
- (b) before the marriage is solemnized.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, a marriage schedule requires correction so far as—

- (a) any particulars (other than signatures) are missing from any of spaces 1 to 6, 8, 10 and 11 on the marriage schedule form,

- (b) any particulars in spaces 1 to 7 on the form have been incorrectly entered or are otherwise inaccurate,
 - (c) particulars are included, in relation to a party, in space 7 (particulars of parents or step-parents) on the form about any person whose particulars the party does not wish the schedule to include, or
 - (d) there are no particulars in that space, in relation to a party, about a parent or step-parent of that party whose particulars the party wishes the schedule to include, and the party has provided the required particulars of that parent or step-parent to the registrar or authorised person in whose presence the marriage is to be solemnized.
- (5) So far as a marriage schedule appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(b), it may only be amended in such a way that the incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars remain legible.
- (6) So far as a marriage schedule appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(d), it may only be corrected—
- (a) by entering the particulars of the parent or step-parent provided by the party in space 7 on the marriage schedule form as required by regulation 9C(2) or (3) (as the case may be) in relation to the entering of particulars of a parent or step-parent by a superintendent registrar required to issue a marriage schedule under section 31(2) of the Act, and
 - (b) if the result would be that, when the marriage is solemnized, space 7 in the column relating to that party on the form contains particulars of no more than four individuals in total.
- (7) No amendment is permitted to the particulars in space 4 (condition of the parties) on the marriage schedule form except an amendment which results in particulars being entered in that space as required by regulation 9B in relation to the entering of particulars in that space by a superintendent registrar issuing a marriage schedule under section 31(2) of the Act.
- (8) So far as a marriage schedule issued in Wales appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(a) or (b)—
- (a) an amendment made to add missing particulars which were required to be entered in English, or to correct incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars which were entered or required to be entered in English, may only be made in English, and
 - (b) an amendment made to add missing particulars which were required to be entered in Welsh, or to correct incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars which were entered or required to be entered in Welsh, may only be made in Welsh.
- (9) Where the marriage schedule was issued in Wales, contains particulars entered in Welsh and appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(d), any necessary amendment may only be made by adding particulars in English and Welsh.
- (10) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(b), particulars in space 7 on a marriage schedule form—
- (a) are not inaccurate by reason only of the fact that any particular person either is or is not included as a parent or step-parent of the party, but
 - (b) are inaccurate so far as they fail to include—
 - (i) the word “deceased” in relation to a parent or step-parent who has died, or
 - (ii) the word “retired” in relation to a parent or step-parent who has retired from a former occupation stated in the particulars relating to that parent or step-parent.

(11) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(b), particulars in space 4 on a marriage schedule form are not inaccurate so far as they describe a party as “Single” as a result of that word having been entered in relation to that party in that space at that party’s request in accordance with these Regulations.

(12) In paragraph (2) “the specified person” has the same meaning as in section 53C of the Act (signing of a marriage schedule).

(13) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(d), the “required particulars” of a parent or step-parent are the parent’s or step-parent’s—

- (a) name and surname, and
- (b) current occupation or, if the parent or step-parent has no current occupation or has died, former occupation (if any).

Correction of marriage document

11J.—(1) This regulation applies where a marriage is to be solemnized—

- (a) after the publication of banns,
- (b) on the authority of a special licence, or
- (c) on the authority of a common licence.

(2) Where it appears to the clergyman by whom the marriage is to be solemnized, before the marriage is solemnized, that the marriage document for the marriage requires correction, the clergyman may make amendments to the marriage document to correct it, so far as it appears to require correction.

(3) But a marriage document may only be corrected—

- (a) in a manner permitted by this regulation, and
- (b) before the marriage is solemnized.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, a marriage document requires correction so far as—

- (a) any particulars (other than signatures) are missing from any of spaces 1 to 6, 8, 10 and 11 on the marriage document form,
- (b) any particulars in spaces 1 to 7 on the form have been incorrectly entered or are otherwise inaccurate,
- (c) particulars are included, in relation to a party, in space 7 (particulars of parents or step-parents) on the form about any person whose particulars the party does not wish the marriage document to include, or
- (d) there are no particulars in that space, in relation to a party, about a parent or step-parent of that party whose particulars the party wishes the marriage document to include, and the party has provided the required particulars of that parent or step-parent to the clergyman by whom the marriage is to be solemnized.

(5) So far as a marriage document appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(b), it may only be amended in such a way that the incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars remain legible.

(6) So far as a marriage document appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(d), it may only be corrected—

- (a) by entering the particulars of the parent or step-parent provided by the party in space 7 on the marriage document form as required by regulation 10C(2) or (3) (as the case may be) in relation to the entering of particulars of a parent or step-

parent by a person required to issue a marriage document under section 21A(2) of the Act, and

- (b) if the result would be that, when the marriage is solemnized, space 7 in the column relating to that party on the form contains particulars of no more than four individuals in total.

(7) No amendment is permitted to the particulars in space 4 (condition of the parties) on the marriage document form except an amendment which results in particulars being entered in that space as required by regulation 10B in relation to the entering of particulars in that space by a person required to issue a marriage document under section 21A(2) of the Act.

(8) So far as a marriage document issued in Wales appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(a) or (b)—

- (a) an amendment made to add missing particulars which were required to be entered in English, or to correct incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars which were entered or required to be entered in English, may only be made in English, and
- (b) an amendment made to add missing particulars which were required to be entered in Welsh, or to correct incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars which were entered or required to be entered in Welsh, may only be made in Welsh.

(9) Where the marriage document was issued in Wales, contains particulars entered in Welsh and appears to require correction for the reason in paragraph (4)(d), any necessary amendment may only be made by adding particulars in English and Welsh.

(10) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(b), particulars in space 7 on a marriage document form—

- (a) are not inaccurate by reason only of the fact that any particular person either is or is not included as a parent or step-parent of the party, but
- (b) are inaccurate so far as they fail to include—
 - (i) the word “deceased” in relation to a parent or step-parent who has died, or
 - (ii) the word “retired” in relation to a parent or step-parent who has retired from a former occupation stated in the particulars relating to that parent or step-parent.

(11) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(b), particulars in space 4 on a marriage document form are not inaccurate so far as they describe a party as “Single” as a result of that word having been entered in relation to that party in that space at that party’s request in accordance with these Regulations.

(12) For the purposes of paragraph (4)(d), the “required particulars” of a parent or step-parent are the parent’s or step-parent’s—

- (a) name and surname, and
- (b) current occupation or, if the parent or step-parent has no current occupation or has died, former occupation (if any).

Correction of marriage register book kept by superintendent registrar

11K.—(1) A person may apply to have an entry in a marriage register book kept by a superintendent registrar corrected where—

- (a) the entry relates to a marriage to which that person is or was party, and
- (b) that person considers that there is an error in the form or substance of the entry, made when the marriage was registered under section 55 of the Act.

(2) An application under paragraph (1) must be made in writing to the superintendent registrar by whom the book is kept.

(3) Paragraphs (4) to (14) apply where—

(a) a person makes an application to a superintendent registrar under subparagraph (1), or

(b) it appears to a superintendent registrar (otherwise than as a result of such an application) that there is an error in the form or substance of an entry in a marriage register book kept by that superintendent registrar, made when the marriage was registered under paragraph 55 of the Act.

(4) Where a duplicate copy of the marriage register book is kept by any person, the superintendent registrar must request a copy of the corresponding entry in that duplicate copy from that person.

(5) An authorised person who receives a request under paragraph (4) must comply with it as soon as reasonably practicable.

(6) The superintendent registrar must make a report to the Registrar General about any application under paragraph (1) or any apparent error mentioned in paragraph (3)(b), after having considered any copy provided in response to a request under paragraph (4).

(7) The superintendent registrar's report must contain such information as the Registrar General may require.

(8) If the Registrar General, having considered a report under paragraph (6), is satisfied that there is an error in the form or substance of the entry, made when the marriage was registered under section 55 of the Act, the Registrar General may give an instruction to the superintendent registrar about correcting the entry.

(9) An instruction under paragraph (8) requiring the correction, in a marriage register book kept in Wales, of an error or omission in particulars entered or required to be entered in English must require the correction to be made in English.

(10) An instruction under paragraph (8) requiring the correction, in a marriage register book kept in Wales, of an error or omission in particulars entered or required to be entered in Welsh must require the correction to be made in Welsh.

(11) An instruction under paragraph (8) may require the superintendent registrar to make a note in the margin of the marriage register book in which the entry appears.

(12) The superintendent registrar must comply with any instruction given by the Registrar General under paragraph (8).

(13) The superintendent registrar must comply with the instruction within 7 days beginning with the day on which the superintendent registrar receives it.

(14) Where a superintendent registrar corrects an entry under this regulation, the superintendent registrar must, as soon as practicable, send to the Registrar General—

(a) a copy of the corrected entry, and

(b) a copy of any marginal note referred to in paragraph (11).

Correction of the marriage register by the Registrar General

11L.—(1) For the purposes of this regulation, there is an error in an entry in the marriage register relating to a marriage so far as—

(a) any particulars required by section 53D(10)(a) of the Act to be entered in the register in respect of the marriage were omitted from the entry or entered incorrectly, or

- (b) the entry contains any particulars which were inaccurate at the time when the marriage was solemnized, despite being correctly entered in the register under that section.
- (2) Where a person considers that there is an error in an entry in the marriage register relating to a marriage to which that person is or was party, that person may apply to have the entry amended to correct the error.
- (3) An application under paragraph (2) must be made in writing to a superintendent registrar.
- (4) Paragraphs (5) to (11) apply where—
 - (a) a person makes an application to a superintendent registrar under paragraph (2), or
 - (b) it appears to a superintendent registrar (otherwise than as a result of such an application) that there is an error in an entry in the marriage register.
- (5) The superintendent registrar must report the matter to the Registrar General.
- (6) The superintendent registrar's report must contain such information as the Registrar General may require.
- (7) The Registrar General may request evidence in relation to the matter from the applicant (if any) or require evidence in relation to the matter from the superintendent registrar.
- (8) If the Registrar General is satisfied, on the basis of the superintendent registrar's report and any evidence provided under paragraph (7), that there is an error in an entry in the marriage register, the Registrar General may amend the entry to correct the error.
- (9) Subject to paragraph (10), where the Registrar General amends an entry under this regulation to correct particulars which the Registrar General considers were entered incorrectly under section 53D(10)(a) of the Act or were inaccurate at the time when the marriage was solemnized despite being entered correctly, the Registrar General must make the amendment in such a way that the amended entry does not show those incorrectly entered or inaccurate particulars.
- (10) The Registrar General is permitted to make only a marginal note in the register to correct an error under this regulation where the Registrar General considers that the error in the entry exists because of an error made by a party to the marriage in providing information—
 - (a) in connection with giving notice of the marriage under section 27 of the Act(4), or
 - (b) to the specified person required to sign the marriage schedule in respect of the marriage under section 53C(6) or (7) of the Act(5) or (as the case may be) the clergyman required to sign the marriage document in respect of the marriage under section 53B(4) of the Act(6).
- (11) An amendment made under this regulation to an entry in the marriage register must be made—
 - (a) in English if it is made to correct particulars entered or required to be entered in English, or to add omitted particulars which were required to be entered in English;

(4) Section 27 was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage Act 1983 (c. 32), paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Marriage Act 1994 (c. 34), section 161(1) and (2) of, paragraph 8 of Schedule 14 to, and Schedule 16 to, the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, paragraph 14 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Immigration Act 2014, paragraph 9 of Schedule 15 to the Immigration Act 2016, article 2 of the Registration of Marriages etc. (Electronic Communications and Electronic Storage) Order 2009 and paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021.

(5) Section 53C was inserted by regulation 7 of the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021.

(6) Section 53B was inserted by regulation 7 of the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021

- (b) in Welsh if it is made to correct particulars entered or required to be entered in Welsh, or to add omitted particulars which were required to be entered in Welsh.
- (12) For the purposes of this regulation, particulars in an entry in the marriage register relating to a party's parents or step-parents—
- (a) are not inaccurate by reason only of the fact that any particular person either is or is not included as a parent or step-parent of the party, but
 - (b) are inaccurate so far as they fail to include—
 - (i) the word “deceased” in relation to a parent or step-parent who had died, or
 - (ii) the word “retired” in relation to a parent or step-parent who had retired from a former occupation stated in the particulars relating to that parent or step-parent.
- (13) For the purposes of this regulation, particulars in any entry in the marriage register relating to the condition of a party are not inaccurate so far as they describe a party as “Single” as a result of that word having been entered in relation to that party in space 4 on the marriage schedule form or marriage document form in respect of the marriage at that party's request in accordance with these Regulations.”