



# Marriage Act 1983

## CHAPTER 32

### MARRIAGE ACT 1983

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#### SCHEDULES

##### SCHEDULE 1 — Amendment of Marriage Act 1949

- 1 The Marriage Act 1949 shall have effect subject to the...
- 2 In section 17 (place of Church of England marriage)—
- 3 In section 25 (void marriages)— (a) at the beginning of...
- 4 In section 26 (marriages which may be solemnized by superintendent...

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- 5 In section 27 (notice of marriage)— (a) in subsection (3)...
- 6 After section 27 there shall be inserted the following section—...
- 7 In section 34 (solemnization of marriages in registration district in...
- 8 In section 37 (notice of marriage given in Scotland) in...
- 9 In section 38(2) (notice of marriage given in Northern Ireland)...
- 10 In section 39 (notice of marriage given on board Her...
- 11 The following section shall be inserted after section 45—  
Solemnization...
- 12 In section 46 (civil marriage followed by religious ceremony) for...
- 13 In section 49 (void marriages) the following shall be inserted...
- 14 In section 50 (delivery of certificate to registrar) in subsection...
- 15 In section 51 (fees) at the beginning there shall be...
- 16 In section 53 (persons by whom marriages are to be...
- 17 In section 55 (manner of registration of marriages) the following...
- 18 In section 59 (custody of register books) at the beginning...
- 19 In section 67 in paragraph (a) of the definition of...
- 20 In section 75 (criminal offences)— (a) in paragraph (c) of...
- 21 In section 78 (interpretation) the following subsections shall be  
inserted...

SCHEDULE 2 — Application etc. of Marriage Acts in Northern Ireland  
— THE MARRIAGES (IRELAND) ACT 1844 (C.81)

- 1 Section 14 (marriage notice book) shall apply to a notice...
- 2 Section 16 (certificate of entry in marriage notice book of...
- 3 Section 18 (forbidding the issue of a registrar's certificate) shall...
- 4 Section 23 (caveat against issue of certificate or licence by...
- 5 Section 25 (new notice required if marriage not solemnized within...
- 6 Section 31 (fee payable to registrar) shall apply to a...
- 7 Section 32 (proof of certain matters not necessary to establish...
- 8 Section 43 (civil liability of persons vexatiously entering caveats)  
shall...
- 9 Sections 45, 46 and 49 (offences and void marriages) shall...
- 10 (1) Section 66 (registration of marriages) shall, subject to sub-  
paragraph...
- THE MARRIAGES (IRELAND) ACT 1846 (C.72)
- 11 In section 1 (notice of marriage given in England) for...
- THE MARRIAGE LAW (IRELAND) AMENDMENT ACT  
1863 (C.27)
- 12 Section 2 and Schedule (A) (form of notice of intended...
- 13 Section 3 (procedure after notice of intended marriage is given...
- 14 Section 4 (declaration by party intending marriage under that Act)...
- 15 Schedule (B) (form of declaration by party to intended marriage...
- THE REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES (IRELAND) ACT  
1863 (C.90)
- 16 Section 11 shall apply to a marriage solemnized in pursuance...

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