



# Marriage Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 32

### *General*

#### **12 Citation, commencement, etc.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Marriage Act 1983 and this Act as it extends to England and Wales and the Marriages Acts 1949 to 1970 may be cited as the Marriages Acts 1949 to 1983.
- (2) [<sup>F1</sup>Sections 3 to 11 above shall be construed as one with the Acts relating to marriage in Northern Ireland.]
- (3) Nothing in this Act shall affect any law or custom relating to the marriage of members of the Royal Family.
- (4) Nothing in this Act shall affect the right of the Archbishop of Canterbury or any other person by virtue of the <sup>M1</sup>Ecclesiastical Licences Act 1533 to grant special licences to marry at any convenient time or place or affect the validity of any marriage solemnized on the authority of such a licence.
- (5) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint, and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (6) This Act shall not extend to Scotland.
- (7) Sections 1 and 2 above and Schedule 1 to this Act, except paragraph 9, shall not extend to Northern Ireland and sections 3 to 11 above and Schedule 2 to this Act, except paragraph 11, shall not extend to England and Wales.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 12(2) repealed (N.I.) (1.1.2004) by [The Marriage \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/413\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch.](#); [S.R. 2003/466](#), art. 2(b)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 12(5): power of appointment conferred by s. 12(5) fully exercised: 1.5.1984 appointed by [S.I. 1984/413](#)

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** [1533 c. 21](#).

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