



# Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014

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## PART 1

### MARRIAGE

#### CHAPTER 5

##### OTHER CHANGES TO MARRIAGE PROCEDURE

#### **21 Places at which civil marriages may be solemnised**

- (1) The 1977 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 18 (places at which civil marriages may be solemnised)—
  - (a) in subsection (1)—
    - (i) after paragraph (a) insert—
      - “(aa) at an appropriate place in the registration district of the authorised registrar; or
      - (ab) with the approval of the Registrar General, at—
        - (i) the registration office of another authorised registrar;
        - (ii) an appropriate place in the registration district of another authorised registrar; or
        - (iii) an appropriate place in Scottish waters.”,
      - (ii) paragraph (b) (and the word “or” following it) are repealed, and
      - (iii) paragraph (c) is repealed,
    - (b) after that subsection insert—

“(1A) In this section—  
“appropriate place” means a place which—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (a) the parties to the intended marriage and the local registration authority agree is to be the place of solemnisation; and
  - (b) is not religious premises;
  - “local registration authority” means—
    - (a) the local registration authority for the registration district which includes the place; or
    - (b) where the place is in Scottish waters, the local registration authority for the authorised registrar’s registration district;
  - “religious premises” means premises which—
    - (a) are used solely or mainly for religious purposes; or
    - (b) have been so used and have not subsequently been used solely or mainly for other purposes.”, and
  - (c) subsections (2) to (8) are repealed.
- (3) Section 18A (approved places) is repealed.
- (4) In section 19 (marriage ceremony and registration of marriage)—
- (a) in subsection (4)(a)—
    - (i) for sub-paragraph (ii) substitute—
      - “(ii) at an appropriate place (within the meaning given by section 18) in the registration district of the authorised registrar; or”;
    - (ii) sub-paragraph (iii) (and the word “or” following it) are repealed, and
    - (iii) in sub-paragraph (iv), for the words “in or on an approved vessel” substitute “at an appropriate place (within the meaning given by section 18)”;
  - (b) in subsection (4)(b)(ii), for “approved place” substitute “appropriate place (within the meaning given by section 18)”, and
  - (c) subsection (5) is repealed.
- (5) In section 26(2A)(b) (seaward boundary of registration district), for “within a registration district if it” substitute “a place within a registration district if the vessel”.