
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 413

The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

Introductory

Title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.
- (3) This Article and Article 2 shall come into operation on the expiration of one month from the day on which this Order is made.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.
- (2) In this Order—
- “civil marriage” means a marriage solemnised by a person appointed under Article 31;
 - “the Department” means the Department of Finance and Personnel;
 - “district” means a registration district within the meaning of Article 30(1);
 - “marriage notice” has the meaning given by Article 3(2);
 - “marriage notice book” has the meaning given by Article 4(2);
 - “medical practitioner” means a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983 (c. 54);
 - “officiant” means a person registered under Article 11 or temporarily authorised under Article 14;
 - “prescribed”, except in relation to a fee, means prescribed by regulations and in relation to a fee means prescribed by order under Article 37;
 - “registrar”, except in Article 8, has the meaning given by Article 3(2);
 - “regulations” means regulations made by the Department;
 - “religious body” means an organised group of people meeting regularly for common religious worship;
 - “religious marriage” means a marriage solemnised by an officiant;
 - “statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33);
 - “young person” means a person who is over the age of 16 but under the age of 18.
- (3) Regulations may provide for references in this Order to a person solemnising a marriage to be construed in prescribed cases as such person as may be prescribed.