



Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978

1978 No. 2

Registration of baptisms and burials

2 Registration of baptisms.

- (1) Where the ceremony of baptism according to the rites of the Church of England is performed—
 - (a) in the parish church of a parish or, in the case of a parish having more than one such church, any parish church thereof, or
 - (b) in any other place in a parish by a minister of the parish,the person by whom the ceremony was performed shall as soon as possible thereafter enter in the appropriate register book of baptisms the particulars required in Form No. 1 in Schedule 1 to this Measure and shall sign the register in the place provided.
- (2) Where the ceremony of baptism according to the said rites is performed in any place in a parish other than a parish church by a person who is not a minister of the parish, the person by whom the ceremony was performed shall as soon as possible thereafter send to the incumbent or priest in charge of the parish a certificate signed by him certifying when and where the ceremony was performed and containing the other particulars required in Form No. 1 in the said Schedule 1.
- [^{F1}(3) Where the ceremony of baptism according to the said rites is performed in an extra-parochial place or an institution in respect of which a clerk in Holy Orders is for the time being licensed under section 2 of the Extra-Parochial Ministry Measure 1967 to perform any offices or services, then, unless the ceremony is performed in a church, chapel or institution for which a register book of baptisms has been provided by virtue of section 5 of this Measure or any enactment repealed by this Measure, the person by whom the ceremony was performed shall as soon as possible thereafter send a certificate signed by him, certifying when and where the ceremony was performed and containing the other particulars required in Form No.1 in the said Schedule 1, to the incumbent or priest in charge of—

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- (a) in the case of a ceremony performed in an extra-parochial place, such of the adjoining parishes as the bishop in whose diocese that place is may direct; or
 - (b) in the case of a ceremony performed in such an institution, the parish in which the institution is.]
- (4) On receiving a certificate under subsection (2) or (3) above the incumbent or priest in charge shall enter particulars of the baptism to which the certificate relates in the appropriate register book of baptisms and shall add to the entry the following words “According to the certificate of received by me on the day of”.
- (5) In this section “minister”, in relation to a parish, means the incumbent of the benefice to which the parish belongs, a vicar in a team ministry for the area of that benefice, the priest in charge of the parish and any curate licensed to officiate in the parish.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(3) substituted (1.1.1993) by [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 1992 \(No. 1\)](#), s. 4(1), [Sch. 1 para.2](#); Instrument dated 7.9.1992 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

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