



# Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978

1978 No. 2

## *Registration of baptisms and burials*

### **3 Registration of burials.**

(1) Subject to subsection (4) below, the minister officiating at a burial according to the rites of the Church of England shall as soon as possible after the burial has taken place enter in the appropriate register book of burials the particulars required in Form No. 2 in Schedule 1 to this Measure and shall sign the register in the place provided.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) Subject to subsection (4) below, where a burial according to the said rites takes place 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 burial takes place in the burial ground of a church, chapel or institution for which a register book of burials has been provided by virtue of section 5 of this Measure or any enactment repealed by this Measure, the minister officiating at the burial shall as soon as possible after the burial has taken place send a certificate signed by him, certifying when and where the burial took place and containing the other particulars required in Form No.2 in the said Schedule 1, to the incumbent or priest in charge of—

- (a) in the case of burial 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 burial in the burial ground of such an institution, the parish in which the institution is.]

(3) On receiving such certificate the incumbent or priest in charge shall enter particulars of the burial to which the certificate relates in the appropriate register book of burials and shall add to the entry the following words “According to the certificate of received by me on the day of”.

(4) Subsections (1) and (2) above shall not apply in relation to a burial which takes place in a cemetery to which an Act incorporating the <sup>M1</sup>Cemeteries Clauses Act 1847 applies

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or in a cemetery provided and maintained by a burial authority within the meaning of section 214 of the <sup>M2</sup>Local Government Act 1972.

- (5) In this section “minister” means any person who is authorised to bury the dead according to the rites of the Church of England.

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**Textual Amendments**

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

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**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1847 c. 65.  
**M2** 1972 c. 70.

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