

*These notes refer to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
(c.33) which received Royal Assent on 11 November 1999*

IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part IX: Registrar's certificates: procedure

Section 163: Refusal to issue certificate

431. This section provides a superintendent registrar with a statutory power to refuse to issue his authority for a marriage where he is not satisfied that one or both of the couple is legally free to contract the marriage. It also provides for an appeal procedure to the Registrar General against the superintendent registrar's refusal to issue a certificate and for persons making frivolous representations against a marriage to be liable for any costs incurred. Subsections (1) and (2) apply this provision to England and Wales. Subsections (3) and (4) make similar amendments for Northern Ireland.