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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

#### SERVICES AND PUBLIC FUNCTIONS: EXCEPTIONS

#### [<sup>F1</sup>PART 6A

#### MARRIAGE OF SAME SEX COUPLES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

**Annotations:**

**Amendments (Textual)**

- F1** Sch. 3 Pt. 6A inserted (13.3.2014) by [Marriage \(Same Sex Couples\) Act 2013 \(c. 30\)](#), ss. 2(6), 21(3); S.I. 2014/93, art. 3(a)

*Marriage according to religious rites: no compulsion to solemnize etc*

- 25A (1) A person does not contravene section 29 only because the person—
- (a) does not conduct a relevant marriage,
  - (b) is not present at, does not carry out, or does not otherwise participate in, a relevant marriage, or
  - (c) does not consent to a relevant marriage being conducted,
- for the reason that the marriage is the marriage of a same sex couple.
- (2) Expressions used in this paragraph and in section 2 of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 have the same meanings in this paragraph as in that section.]

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 209(3)(e) inserted by [2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 19\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 17 para. 6AA and cross-heading inserted by [2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 19\(5\)\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 17 para. 6F inserted by [2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 19\(5\)\(h\)](#)
- Sch. 17 para. 3A(1)(a)(b) substituted for words by [2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 19\(5\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)