



Registration Service Act 1953

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Miscellaneous and general

21 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Act, the following expressions have the following meanings respectively—
- [^{F1}“civil registration official” has the meaning given by section 19AA;]
 - “local scheme” means the scheme or schemes made under section fourteen of this Act for the time being in force for the [^{F2}non-metropolitan county or metropolitan district] in question;
 - “the Minister” means [^{F3}the Secretary of State];
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made under the last foregoing section;
 - “the Registration Acts” means this Act, the ^{M1}Marriage Act 1949 and the ^{M2}Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.
- (2) In . . . ^{F4} this Act . . . ^{F5}
- (a) ^{F5}
 - (b) any reference to a [^{F6}metropolitan district] or the council of a [^{F6}metropolitan district] shall include a reference to the City of London or the Common Council thereof and to a [^{F7}London borough] or the council thereof [^{F8}and any reference to a non-metropolitan county includes a reference to a county borough].
- (3) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any other enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 21(1) inserted (1.5.2018 except for the purposes of N.I.) by [Digital Economy Act 2017](#) (c. 30), [ss. 46\(4\), 118\(4\)\(6\)](#); S.I. 2018/382, reg. 3(k)
- F2** Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972](#) (c. 70), [Sch. 29 para. 41\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Registration Service Act 1953, Section 21. (See end of Document for details)

- F3** Words in s. 21 substituted (3.4.2008) by Transfer of Functions (Registration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/678), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 7** (with art. 4)
- F4** Words repealed by London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **Sch. 18 Pt. II**
- F5** S. 21(2)(a) repealed by London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **Sch. 18 Pt. II**
- F6** Words substituted by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), **Sch. 29 para. 41(6)**
- F7** Words substituted by virtue of London Government Act 1963 (c. 33), **s. 4(2)(a)**
- F8** Words in s. 21 (2)(b) added (1.10.1995) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6), **Sch. 16 para. 12**; S.I. 1995/2490, art. 5(1)(2)(3), **Sch. 3**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1949 c. 76.
- M2** 1953 c. 20.

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