
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**MARRIAGE
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS,
DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.**

**The Marriage (Authorised Persons)
(Amendment) Regulations 1971**

Made - - - - - *27th July 1971*
Coming into Operation *1st August 1971*

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 74 of the Marriage Act 1949 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Social Services, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations shall come into operation on 1st August 1971 and may be cited as the Marriage (Authorised Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Manner of registration of marital condition

2.—(1) After paragraph (a) of regulation 17 of the Marriage (Authorised Persons) Regulations 1952⁽¹⁾ (manner of registration), there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

“(b) in the case of a party whose previous marriage was annulled on the ground that the marriage was voidable, he shall enter the words “Previous marriage annulled”.

(2) Paragraphs (b) and (c) of the said regulation shall be re-lettered “(c)” and “(d)” respectively.

(1) (1952 II, p. 1691).

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Given under my hand on 23rd July 1971.

Michael Reed
Registrar General

I approve.

27th July 1971

Keith Joseph
Secretary of State for Social Services

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These regulations make a minor amendment to the Marriage (Authorised Persons) Regulations 1952 which prescribe the manner in which the marital condition of the parties to a marriage is to be described in marriage registers kept by authorised persons, who register marriages which take place, without the presence of a registrar, in buildings registered for the solemnization of marriages. The amendment is made to accord with section 5 of the Nullity of Marriage Act 1971 (c.44) The regulations prescribe the manner in which the condition of a party to a marriage is to be described where the previous marriage of such a party was annulled on the ground that the marriage was voidable.