
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 412

The Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Amendments to the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015

3. In regulation 2—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) after the definition of “1970 Act” insert—

““authorised person” means a person whose name and address have been certified under section 43 or 43B of the Act (appointment of authorised persons for buildings and chapels registered for solemnization of marriage)(1);”;

(ii) at the end insert—

““registered building” means—

(a) a building registered under section 41 or 43A of the Act (registration of buildings for solemnization of marriage)(2), or

(b) a chapel registered under section 70 or 70A of the Act (registration of naval, military and air force chapels for solemnization of marriage)(3),

and references to the registration of a building are to be construed accordingly;

“step-parent”, in relation to a party to a marriage, means a step-parent who is or was married to, or the civil partner of, a parent of the party.”;

(b) in paragraph (2) after “column”, in both places it occurs, insert “or space”.

(1) Section 43 was amended by paragraph 10 of Schedule 7 to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (c. 30), and section 43B was inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to that Act. Sections 43 and 43B are applied with modifications by sections 70 and 70A of the Marriage Act 1949 in relation to chapels registered under those sections. The functions of the Admiralty under sections 43 and 43B of the Marriage Act 1949 as modified by Part 4 of Schedule 4 to that Act were transferred to the Secretary of State by the Defence (Transfer of Functions) Act 1964 (c. 15).

(2) Section 43A was inserted by paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013.

(3) Section 70 was amended by section 6(3) of, and paragraph 18 of Schedule 7 to, the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013, and section 70A was inserted by section 6(4) of that Act.