



Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

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PART 2

REGISTRATION SERVICES

Recording of events relating to persons outwith Scotland

54 Recording of certain events in Book of Scottish Connections

- (1) The Registrar General is to keep a register to be known as the Book of Scottish Connections (“the BSC”) for the purpose of recording, in accordance with subsection (6), qualifying events.
- (2) The following events are qualifying events—
 - (a) a person’s birth, where—
 - (i) the birth occurred outside Scotland; and
 - (ii) the person falls within subsection (4);
 - (b) a person’s death, where—
 - (i) the death occurred outside Scotland; and
 - (ii) the person falls within subsection (4) or (5);
 - (c) a marriage, where—
 - (i) the marriage occurred outside Scotland; and
 - (ii) at least one of the parties falls within subsection (4) or (5);
 - (d) the formation in a part of the United Kingdom other than Scotland, of a civil partnership, where at least one of the parties falls within subsection (4) or (5);
 - (e) the entering into of an overseas relationship, where at least one of the parties falls within subsection (4) or (5);
 - (f) a divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership (formed in any part of the United Kingdom) or overseas relationship, where—
 - (i) the divorce or dissolution occurred outside Scotland; and
 - (ii) at least one of the parties to the divorce or dissolution falls within subsection (4) or (5).

- (3) In subsection (2)—
 - (a) a reference to an event occurring outside Scotland is a reference to its occurring in any other part of the United Kingdom or elsewhere; and
 - (b) “overseas relationship” has the meaning given by section 212 of the 2004 Act.
- (4) A person falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) one of the person’s parents or grandparents was born in Scotland; or
 - (b) there is an entry in the BSC in respect of any event relating to one of the person’s parents or grandparents.
- (5) A person falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) the person was born in Scotland; or
 - (b) the person was normally resident in Scotland at the time of the event.
- (6) The Registrar General is to make an entry in the BSC in respect of a qualifying event where—
 - (a) an application has been made for the recording of the event;
 - (b) the application is in the prescribed form;
 - (c) such fees as may be prescribed are paid;
 - (d) such documents as may be prescribed are submitted; and
 - (e) the Registrar General considers it appropriate to do so.

55 Keeping of, and access to, the Book of Scottish Connections

- (1) The BSC is to be kept in such form as the Registrar General determines.
- (2) An entry in the BSC is to be in such form as may be prescribed.
- (3) Each entry in the BSC is to be included in an index maintained by the Registrar General (“the BSC index”).
- (4) The BSC index is to be kept in such form as the Registrar General determines.
- (5) The Registrar General may delete or amend any entry in the BSC or substitute another for it.
- (6) Where a person pays such fee as may be prescribed, the Registrar General is, if the General Register Office is open for the purpose, to—
 - (a) search (or permit the person to search) the BSC index; and
 - (b) issue to the person a copy of an entry in the BSC.
- (7) The Registrar General is to make arrangements for the district registrar for each registration district to have access to—
 - (a) a copy of such of, or such parts of, the BSC as the Registrar General may determine; and
 - (b) an index of that material.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7)—
 - (a) a copy is to be made by such means as the Registrar General may determine; and
 - (b) different arrangements and determinations may be made in respect of different registration districts.

- (9) Where a person pays such fee as may be prescribed, the district registrar for a registration district is, if the part of the registration office concerned is open for the purpose, to—
- (a) search (or permit the person to search) the index to which the registrar has access by virtue of subsection (7)(b); and
 - (b) issue to the person a copy or extract of any of the material so indexed.