
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 413

The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

Religious marriages

Solemnisation of religious marriage

- 15.—**(1) A religious marriage shall not be solemnised by an officiant unless—
- (a) the parties in person have produced to him before the marriage ceremony a marriage schedule in respect of the marriage issued in accordance with Article 7;
 - (b) both parties to the marriage are present; and
 - (c) two persons professing to be 16 or over are present as witnesses.
- (2) An officiant shall not solemnise a religious marriage except in accordance with a form of ceremony which—
- (a) is recognised by the religious body of which he is a member; and
 - (b) includes and is in no way inconsistent with an appropriate declaration within the meaning of Article 10(3) [^{F1}or (as the case may be) Article 10(3A)].
- [^{F2}(3) A person registered under Article 11—
- (a) must not solemnise a marriage of parties who are not of the same sex unless registered under Article 11 for marriages of parties who are not of the same sex, and
 - (b) must not solemnise a marriage of parties who are of the same sex unless registered under Article 11 for marriages of parties who are of the same sex.
- (4) A person authorised under Article 14(1)(a) must not solemnise a marriage unless the marriage is specified in the authorisation.
- (5) A person authorised under Article 14(1)(b)—
- (a) must not solemnise a marriage of parties who are not of the same sex unless authorised under Article 14(1)(b) to solemnise marriages of parties who are not of the same sex, and
 - (b) must not solemnise a marriage of parties who are of the same sex unless authorised under Article 14(1)(b) to solemnise marriages of parties who are of the same sex.]

F1 Words in art. 15(2)(b) inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/742\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(6)**

F2 Art. 15(3)-(5) inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/742\)](#), regs. 1(2), **9(2)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 15.