
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for and in relation to the approval of places by local authorities for the solemnisation of civil marriages. In particular the Regulations set out—

- (a) the parties who may apply for approval of a place for the solemnisation of a civil marriage (regulation 2) and the application procedures which those parties must follow for the different types of approval (period approvals and temporary approvals) (regulations 3 and 4);
- (b) the requirements for notification of applications by the local authority and third party objection procedure (regulations 5 and 6);
- (c) the considerations to be taken into account by a local authority in determining an application (regulation 7);
- (d) the procedure for attaching standard conditions to a period approval (as set out in the Schedule to the Regulations) and non-standard conditions to either period or temporary approvals (regulation 8), the notification of decisions (regulation 9), and a restriction on successive applications (regulation 10);
- (e) the duration of approvals and the procedure for renewal (regulations 11 and 12);
- (f) the determination and charging of fees by a local authority for the approval of places and renewal of approvals and in respect of the attendance by authorised registrars at approved places (regulation 13 and 14);
- (g) the grounds and procedures for revocation, suspension and variation of an approval (regulations 15 and 16);
- (h) the deeming of a person who takes over the interest in a period approval as the approval holder (regulation 17);
- (i) the requirements for the keeping of registers of approved places (regulation 18); and
- (j) the duty on the Registrar General to issue supplementary guidance (regulation 19).