



# Registration Service Act 1953

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*Miscellaneous and general*

## 19 Annual abstract.

The Registrar General shall send to the Minister annually, in such form as the Minister may from time to time require, a general abstract of the number of live-births, still-births, deaths and marriages registered in the year last preceding and the Minister shall within one month after receipt thereof or of the meeting of Parliament lay that abstract before each House of Parliament.

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 S. 19 amended by [Population \(Statistics\) Act 1960 \(c. 32\), s. 4](#)
- C2 S. 19: functions of the Secretary of State transferred (1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1996/273, art. 3\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 9\(b\)](#)

## 20 Regulations.

The Registrar General with the approval of the Minister may by statutory instrument make regulations—

- (a) prescribing the duties of superintendent registrars, registrars of births and deaths and registrars of marriages in the execution of any enactment relating to their functions;
- (b) prescribing the duties under the Registration Acts of [<sup>F1</sup>proper officers of non-metropolitan counties and metropolitan districts], and such other officers as may be appointed in pursuance of any local scheme;
- (c) making provision as to the place and manner in which, the days on which and the hours during which any documents kept in the General Register Office and required to be available for search by the public are to be so available;
- (d) prescribing anything which by this Act is required to be prescribed.

*Status: Point in time view as at 01/10/1995.**Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Registration Service Act 1953, Cross Heading: Miscellaneous and general. (See end of Document for details)***Textual Amendments****F1** Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 29 para. 41\(5\)](#)**Modifications etc. (not altering text)****C3** [S. 20](#) extended (1.7.1992) by [Social Security Administration Act 1992 \(c. 5\)](#), ss. 124(1), 192(4), [Sch. 10 para. 3](#).**C4** [S. 20](#) extended by [Social Security Act 1975 \(c. 14\)](#), s. [160\(1\)](#)**C5** [S. 20](#): functions of the Secretary of State transferred (1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1996/273](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1 para. 9\(c\)](#)**21 Interpretation.**

- (1) In this Act, the following expressions have the following meanings respectively—
- “local scheme” means the scheme or schemes made under section fourteen of this Act for the time being in force for the [<sup>F2</sup>non-metropolitan county or metropolitan district] in question;
- “the Minister” means [<sup>F3</sup>the Secretary of State];
- “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made under the last foregoing section;
- “the Registration Acts” means this Act, the <sup>M1</sup>Marriage Act 1949 and the <sup>M2</sup>Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953.
- (2) In . . . <sup>F4</sup> this Act . . . <sup>F4</sup>
- (a) . . . . . <sup>F5</sup>
- (b) any reference to a [<sup>F6</sup>metropolitan district] or the council of a [<sup>F6</sup>metropolitan district] shall include a reference to the City of London or the Common Council thereof and to a [<sup>F7</sup>London borough] or the council thereof [<sup>F8</sup>and any reference to a non-metropolitan county includes a reference to a county borough].
- (3) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any other enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.

**Textual Amendments****F2** Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 29 para. 41\(2\)](#)**F3** Words substituted by virtue of [S.I. 1968/1699](#), [arts. 2](#), 5(4)(a)**F4** Words repealed by [London Government Act 1963 \(c. 33\)](#), [Sch. 18 Pt. II](#)**F5** [S. 21\(2\)\(a\)](#) repealed by [London Government Act 1963 \(c. 33\)](#), [Sch. 18 Pt. II](#)**F6** Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 29 para. 41\(6\)](#)**F7** Words substituted by virtue of [London Government Act 1963 \(c. 33\)](#), s. [4\(2\)\(a\)](#)**F8** Words in s. 21(2)(b) added (1.10.1995) by [1994 c. 19](#), s. 66(6), [Sch. 16 para. 12](#) (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5)); [S.I. 1995/2490](#), art. 5(1)(2)(3), [Sch. 3](#)**Marginal Citations****M1** 1949 c. 76.**M2** 1953 c. 20.

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## 22 Savings.

- (1) Any appointment made under any enactment repealed by this Act and having effect immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to have effect as if duly made under the corresponding provision of this Act.
- (2) Any instrument made under any enactment repealed by this Act prescribing anything which may be prescribed under this Act shall, if in force at the commencement of this Act, continue in force and have effect as if made under the corresponding provision of this Act.
- (3) Any scheme made under section twenty-four of the <sup>M3</sup>Local Government Act 1929 or made in like manner by virtue of subsection (2) of section one hundred and thirty-one of that Act, being in either case a scheme in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been prepared, submitted and approved in accordance with section fourteen of this Act.
- (4) Any document referring to an enactment repealed by this Act shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as referring to the corresponding provision of this Act.
- (5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be taken as prejudicing the operation of [<sup>F9</sup>sections 16(1) and 17(2)(a) of the <sup>M4</sup>Interpretation Act 1978] (which [<sup>F9</sup>relate] to the effect of repeals).

### Textual Amendments

**F9** Words substituted by virtue of [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\), s. 25\(2\)](#)

### Marginal Citations

**M3** [1929 c. 17.](#)

**M4** [1978 c. 30.](#)

## 23 Repeals and consequential amendments.

- (1) The enactments specified in the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments respectively specified in that Schedule.
- (2) ..... <sup>F10</sup>

### Textual Amendments

**F10** [S. 23\(2\), Sch. 2](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1974 \(c. 22\), Sch. Pt. XI](#)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C6** The text of s. 23 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

## 24 Short title, extent and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Registration Service Act 1953.
- (2) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or to Northern Ireland.

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- (3) This Act shall come into force on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

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