



Marriage Act 1949

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PART III

MARRIAGE UNDER [^{F1}MARRIAGE SCHEDULE]

Issue of [^{F1}a marriage schedule]

[^{F1}26 Marriage of a man and a woman; marriage of same sex couples for which no opt-in necessary

- (1) The following marriages may be solemnized on the authority of [^{F2}a marriage schedule]—
- (a) a marriage of a man and a woman, in a building registered under section 41, according to such form and ceremony as the persons to be married see fit to adopt;
 - (b) a marriage of any couple in the office of a superintendent registrar;
 - (bb) a marriage of any couple on approved premises;
 - (c) a marriage of a man and a woman according to the usages of the Society of Friends (commonly called Quakers);
 - (d) a marriage between a man and a woman professing the Jewish religion according to the usages of the Jews;
 - (dd) a qualifying residential marriage;
 - (e) a marriage of a man and a woman according to the rites of the Church of England in any church or chapel in which banns of matrimony may be published.
- (2) In this section “qualifying residential marriage” means—
- (a) the marriage of a man and a woman (other than a marriage in pursuance of subsection (1)(c) or (d) above), one or each of whom is house-bound or a detained person, at the usual place of residence of the house-bound or detained person or persons, or

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- (b) the marriage of a same sex couple (other than a marriage according to the rites of the Church of England or other religious rites or usages), one or each of whom is house-bound or a detained person, at the usual place of residence of the house-bound or detained person or persons.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 26 substituted (13.3.2014) by [Marriage \(Same Sex Couples\) Act 2013 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 3, 21(3)** (with [Sch. 7 para. 1](#)); [S.I. 2014/93](#), **art. 3(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 26(1) substituted (4.5.2021) by [The Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/411\)](#), **reg. 1(2)**, **Sch. 1 para. 11(a)** (with [Sch. 2](#))

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