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MARRIAGE
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,
MARRIAGES, ETC.

ENGLAND AND WALES

The Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Regulations 1970

Made - - - 30th November 1970

Coming into Operation 1st January 1971

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 55 and 74 of the Marriage Act 1949(a), section 18 of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Social Services, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Title and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Regulations 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

(2) These regulations, the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968(c), and the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 1969(d) shall be construed as one and may be cited together as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968 to 1970.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these regulations—

“the principal regulations” means the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968 ;

“the Act of 1970” means the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970.

Prescribed forms

3. The form of notice of marriage to be given under section 2(1) of the Act of 1970 shall be form 1 in the schedule to these regulations.

(a) 1949 c. 76.

(b) 1970 c. 34.

(c) S.I. 1968/2049 (1968 III, p. 5522).

(d) S.I. 1969/1811 (1969 III, p. 5623).

(e) 1889 c. 63.

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4. The form of the Registrar General's licence for marriage to be issued under section 7 of the Act of 1970 shall be form 2 in the schedule to these regulations.

Amendment of the principal regulations

5. In regulation 67(2) of the principal regulations (which relates to manner of registration) between the words "solemnized" and "and" there shall be inserted the words "or in the case of a marriage by Registrar General's licence in some part of the premises where it was solemnized".

6. In regulation 69 of the principal regulations (entry of attestation) after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(c) if the marriage has been solemnized by Registrar General's licence, enter in the places respectively provided for the purpose, the address of the place in which the marriage has been solemnized, the title of the body or denomination, if any, according to the rites and ceremonies of which the marriage has been solemnized, and the words "Registrar General's licence".".

SCHEDULE

Forms

SCHEDULE
FORM 1

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE BY REGISTRAR GENERAL'S LICENCE

Pursuant to the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970

Regulation 3

PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE PERSONS TO BE MARRIED

Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Address of place at which the marriage is to be solemnized (6)
	years				
	years				

To the Superintendent Registrar of the district of.....in the county.....

1. I, the above-named....., give you notice that I and the other person named above wish to be married within one month of the date of entry of this notice, on the authority of a licence of the Registrar General under section 1 of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970.

2. I solemnly declare that I believe there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage.

3. And I further declare that in respect of myself—

* (i) I am over the age of eighteen years or if under that age am a widow/ * (i) he/she is over the age of eighteen years or if under that age is a widower; and in respect of the said†
 (ii) the consent of†..... (ii) the consent of†..... whose consent only is required by law has been obtained;
 (iii) the necessity of obtaining the consent of†..... (iii) the necessity of obtaining the consent of†..... has been dispensed with by the Registrar General;
 (iv) there is no person whose consent to my marriage is required by law. (iv) there is no person whose consent to his/her marriage is required by law.

FORM 1—continued
NOTICE OF MARRIAGE BY REGISTRAR GENERAL'S LICENCE
Pursuant to the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970

Regulation 3

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4. It is intended that the marriage shall be solemnized by or before §.....
5. I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the declarations which I have made above and the particulars relating to the persons to be married are true. I understand that if any of the declarations are false I MAY BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNDER THE PERJURY ACT 1911.

6. I also understand that if, in fact, there is an impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the intended marriage the marriage may be invalid or void and the contracting of the marriage may render one or both of the parties GUILTY OF A CRIME AND LIABLE TO THE PENALTIES OF BIGAMY OR SUCH OTHER CRIME AS MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.

*Delete the alternatives which do not apply; if none applies (e.g., the..... Court has consented to the marriage) insert the appropriate declaration as to consent in the space provided.
†Insert the name(s) of the person(s) whose consent is/are required.
‡Insert the name of the other party.
§Insert the name and designation of the person by or before whom the marriage is to be solemnized or the words "Superintendent Registrar" and the name of the registration district if the marriage is to be a civil one.

(Signed) Date.....
In the presence of.....(Signature)
Official designation.....Superintendent Registrar
Registration district of.....
Place of residence.....

FORM 2

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S LICENCE FOR MARRIAGE

Pursuant to the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970

Regulation 4

Notice of the marriage intended to be solemnized on the authority of a licence of the Registrar General between the parties hereafter named and described having been entered on the day of 19..... in the Marriage Notice Book of the registration district of in the county of it is hereby certified that no lawful impediment to the issue of a licence has been shown to the satisfaction of the Registrar General to exist and that the issue of a licence has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof.

Name and surname (1)	Age (2)	Marital status (3)	Occupation (4)	Place of residence (5)	Address of place at which the marriage is to be solemnized (6)
	years				
	years				

Now therefore the Registrar General, being satisfied that the conditions contained in section 1(2) of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970 are met and that sufficient grounds exist why a licence should be granted, hereby grants to the said parties licence to contract and solemnize their intended marriage.

Date..... Signature..... Registrar General

NOTE. This licence will be void if the marriage is not solemnized within one month from the date of entry of notice given above.

Given under my hand on 30th November 1970.

Michael Reed,
Registrar General.

I approve.

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

30th November 1970.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970 makes provision for a marriage, other than a marriage according to the rites of the Church of England or the Church in Wales, to be solemnized on the authority of a licence of the Registrar General elsewhere than in a registered building or the office of a superintendent registrar if one of the parties to the marriage is seriously ill and not expected to recover and cannot be moved to a place at which the marriage could lawfully be solemnized under the Marriage Act 1949.

These regulations prescribe the form of notice to be given for a marriage by Registrar General's licence and the form of that licence and make the necessary amendments to the principal regulations to provide for the manner in which such a marriage is to be registered.

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