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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 569

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES, ETC., ENGLAND AND WALES

The Registration of Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Registration Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*8th May 2025*
Coming into force - -	*27th May 2025*

The Registrar General for England and Wales(**a**) makes these Regulations with the approval of the Secretary of State(**b**) in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 27A(3) and 74(1)(b) of the Marriage Act 1949(**c**) and sections 19(5) and 36(3) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(**d**), as extended by section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993(**e**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Registration Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 27th May 2025.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendment to the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015

2. In Schedule 1 to the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015(**f**), for—

(**a**) The Registrar General may make Regulations prescribing anything which by the Marriage Act 1949 is required to be prescribed. (Prescribed is defined in section 78 of the Act).

(**b**) The Registrar General with the approval of the Secretary of State may make Regulations prescribing anything which by the Marriage Act 1949 is required to be prescribed, and may make Regulations under the provisions of Part 2, Chapter 1 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (with some exceptions, not relevant here). The function of approving Regulations was transferred to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by articles 3(1) and 5(1) and paragraphs 5(e) and 14(d) of Schedule 1 to the Transfer of Functions (Registration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/678).

(**c**) 1949 c. 76. Section 27A was inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Marriage Act 1983 (c. 32) and amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 14 to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33) and paragraph 5 of Schedule 7 to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (c. 30). It is also amended by section 75(3)(a) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (c. 21), not yet in force. Section 74 was amended by paragraph 19 of Schedule 15 to the Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), paragraph 5(1)(d) of Schedule 2 to S.I. 2008/678 and article 12 of S.I. 2009/2821. There are other amendments to sections 27A and 74 not relevant to these Regulations.

(**d**) 2004 c. 33. Section 19 was amended by section 76(7) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, not yet in force. Section 36 was amended by Schedule 2, paragraph 14(d) to S.I. 2008/678. There are other amendments to sections 19 and 36 not relevant to these Regulations.

(**e**) 1993 c. 38.

(**f**) S.I. 2015/207. There are amendments to Schedule 1 not relevant to these Regulations.

(a) Form 8, substitute Form 1 in the Schedule to these Regulations;

(b) Form 8(w), substitute Form 2 in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Amendment to the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005

3. In Schedule 2 to the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005(**a**), for—

(a) Form 7, substitute Form 3 in the Schedule to these Regulations;

(b) Form 7(w), substitute Form 4 in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Given under my hand on 8th May 2025

Tom Greig
Registrar General for England and Wales

I approve,
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Seema Malhotra
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Home Office

8th May 2025

(**a**) S.I. 2005/3176. There are amendments to Schedule 2 not relevant to these Regulations.

SCHEDULE

Prescribed forms

Form 1 (regulation 2(a))

Regulation 6(2) Form 8 Marriage Act 1949, S27A(3)

Statement by Responsible Authority

Proposed Marriage of

_____ and _____
(name and surname) (name and surname)

I,

_____
(full names)

being the responsible authority for the place of detention known as

_____
(address)

at which _____ is being detained, state that:
(name and surname of person)

I have no objection to that establishment being specified in the notice of marriage as the place where the marriage of the above named persons is to be solemnized, and: *(delete as applicable)*

A - that this person **is not** serving a life sentence.

B - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is not** subject to a whole life order.

C - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is** subject to a whole life order. (Permission from the Secretary of State is also required.)

Date _____ Signed _____

Designation

_____

FORM 41

Regulation 6(2) Form 8 Marriage Act 1949, S27A(3)

Notes

1. Responsible authority means:
   (a) if the person is detained in a hospital (within the meaning of Part II of the Mental Health Act 1983), the managers of that hospital (within the meaning of section 145(1) of that Act); or
   (b) if the person is detained in a prison or other place to which the Prison Act 1952 applies, the governor or other officer for the time being in charge of that prison or other place.
2. Notice of marriage must be given within 21 days of the signing of this statement.
3. A person who is serving a life sentence in a prison or other place of detention and is subject to a whole life order is prevented from marrying another person by virtue of Section 2A(1) of the Marriage Act 1949 unless they have written permission from the Secretary of State to do so.

FORM 41

Form 2 (regulation 2(b))

Regulation 6(2) Form 8(w) Marriage Act 1949, S27A(3)

Statement by Responsible Authority
Datganiad gan Awdurdod Cyfrifol

Proposed Marriage of / *Priodas Arfaethedig*

_____ and / *a* _____
(name and surname / *enw a chyfenw*) (name and surname / *enw a chyfenw)*

I / *Yr wyf fi*, _____,
(full names / *enwau llawn*)

being the responsible authority for the place of detention known as
yr awdurdod cyfrifol am y ddalfa a enwir:

_____
(address / *cyfeiriad*)

at which / *lle mae* _____
(name and surname of person / *enw a chyfenw'r person*)

is being detained, state that / *yn cael ei gadw/chadw yn datgan:*

I have no objection to that establishment being specified in the notice of marriage as the place where the marriage of the above named persons is to be solemnized, and: *(delete as applicable) nad oes gennyf wrthwynebiad i'r sefydliad yna gael ei nodi yn yr hysbysiad priodas fel y fan lle mae priodas y personau uchod i gael ei gweinyddu, a: (dileu fel bo'n berthnasol)*

A - that this person **is not** serving a life sentence.
*A - **nad** yw'r person hwn yn bwrw dedfryd oes.*

B - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is not** subject to a whole life order.
*B - bod y person hwn yn bwrw dedfryd oes ac **nad yw'n** destun gorchymyn bywyd cyfan.*

C - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is** subject to a whole life order. (Permission from the Secretary of State is also required.)
*C - bod y person hwn **yn** bwrw dedfryd oes ac yn destun gorchymyn bywyd cyfan. (Mae angen caniatâd yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol hefyd.)*

Date _____ Signed _____
Dyddiad *Llofnodwyd*

Designation _____
Dynodiad

Notes / *Nodiadau*
1. Responsible authority means/ *Ystyr awdurdod cyfrifol yw*:
   (a) if the person is detained in a hospital (within the meaning of Part II of the Mental Health Act 1983), the managers of that hospital (within the meaning of section 145(1) of that Act); or
   os yw'r person yn cael ei gadw/chadw mewn ysbyty (oddi mewn i derfynau Rhan II o Ddeddf lechyd Meddwl 1983), rheolwyr yr ysbyty yna (oddi mewn i derfynau adran 145(1) o'r Ddeddf yna); neu
   (b) if the person is detained in a prison or other place to which the Prison Act 1952 applies, the governor or other officer for the time being in charge of that prison or other place.

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os yw'r person yn cael ei gadw/chadw mewn carchar neu fan arall i ble mae Deddf Carcharau 1952 yn berthnasol, y llywodraethwr neu swyddog arall mewn gofal dros dro o'r carchar yna neu fan arall.

2. Notice of marriage must be given within 21 days of the signing of this statement.
Rhaid rhoi hysbysiad priodas o fewn 21 diwrnod o lofnodi'r datganiad hwn.

3. A person who is serving a life sentence in a prison or other place of detention and is subject to a whole life order is prevented from marrying another person by virtue of Section 2A(1) of the Marriage Act 1949 unless they have written permission from the Secretary of State to do so.
Mae person sy'n bwrw dedfryd oes mewn carchar neu fan cadw arall ac sy'n destun gorchymyn bywyd cyfan yn cael ei atal rhag priodi person arall yn rhinwedd Adran 2A(1) o Ddeddf Priodasau 1949 oni bai bod ganddo ganiatâd ysgrifenedig gan yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol i wneud hynny.

FORM 41(W)

Form 3 (regulation 3(a))

Regulation 4 Form 7 Civil Partnership Act 2004, S19(5)

Statement by Responsible Authority

Proposed Civil Partnership of

_____ and _____
(name and surname) (name and surname)

I,

_____,
(full names)

being the responsible authority for the place of detention known as

_____
(address)

at which _____ is being detained, state that:
(name and surname of person)

I have no objection to that establishment being specified in the notice of civil partnership as the place where the civil partnership of the above named persons is to be formed, and: *(delete as applicable)*

A - that this person **is not** serving a life sentence.

B - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is not** subject to a whole life order.

C - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is** subject to a whole life order. (Permission from the Secretary of State is also required.)

Date _____ Signed _____

Designation

_____

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Notes

1. Responsible authority means:
   (a) if the person is detained in a hospital (but otherwise than by virtue of section 2,4,5,35,36 or 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983), the managers of the hospital; or
   (b) if the person is detained in a prison or other place to which the Prison Act 1952 applies, the governor or other officer for the time being in charge of that prison or other place.
2. Notice of civil partnership must be given within 21 days of the signing of this statement.
3. Where either person is serving a life sentence in a prison or other place of detention and is subject to a whole life order, they are ineligible to register as civil partners of each other by virtue of Section 3(1)(e) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 unless they have written permission from the Secretary of State to do so.

FORM CP41

Form 4 (regulation 3(b))

Regulation 4 Form 7(w) Civil Partnership Act 2004, S19(5)

Statement by Responsible Authority
Datganiad gan Awdurdod Cyfrifol

Proposed Civil Partnership of / *Priodas Arfaethedig rhwng*

_____ and / *a* _____
(name and surname / *enw a chyfenw*) (name and surname / *enw a chyfenw*)

I / *Yr wyf fi,* _____,
(full names / *enwau llawn*)

being the responsible authority for the place of detention known as
yr awdurdod cyfrifol am y ddalfa a enwir:

_____
(address / *cyfeiriad*)

at which / *lle mae* _____
(name and surname of person / *enw a chyfenw'r person*)

is being detained, state that / *yn cael ei gadw/chadw yn datgan:*

I have no objection to that establishment being specified in the notice of civil partnership as the place where the civil partnership of the above named persons is to be formed, and: *(delete as applicable)*
nad oes gennyf wrthwynebiad i'r sefydliad yna gael ei nodi yn yr hysbysiad parterniaeth sifil fel y fan lle mae partneriaeth sifil y personau uchod i gael ei ffurfio, a: (dileu fel bo'n berthnasol)

A - that this person **is not** serving a life sentence.
*A - **nad** yw'r person hwn yn bwrw dedfryd oes.*

B - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is not** subject to a whole life order.
*B - bod y person hwn yn bwrw dedfryd oes ac **nad yw'n** destun gorchymyn bywyd cyfan.*

C - that this person **is** serving a life sentence and **is** subject to a whole life order. (Permission from the Secretary of State is also required.)
*C - bod y person hwn **yn** bwrw dedfryd oes ac yn destun gorchymyn bywyd cyfan. (Mae angen caniatâd yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol hefyd.)*

Date _____ Signed _____
Dyddiad *Llofnodwyd*

Designation _____
Dynodiad

Notes / *Nodiadau*
1. Responsible authority means/*Ystyr awdurdod cyfrifol yw:*
   (a) if the person is detained in a hospital (but otherwise than by virtue of section 2,4,5,35,36 or 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983), the managers of the hospital; or
   os yw'r person yn cael ei gadw/chadw mewn ysbyty (ond heb fod yn rhinwedd adran 2,4,5,35,35, neu 136 o Ddeddf Iechyd Meddwl 1983), rheolwyr yr Ysbyty yna; neu
   (b) if the person is detained in a prison or other place to which the Prison Act 1952 applies, the governor or other officer for the time being in charge of that prison or other place.
   os yw'r person yn cael ei gadw/chadw mewn carchar neu fan arall i ble mae Deddf Carcharau 1952 yn berthnasol, y llywodraethwr neu swyddog arall mewn gofal dros dro o'r carchar yna neu fan arall.

2. Notice of civil partnership must be given within 21 days of the signing of this statement.

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Rhaid rhoi hysbysiad partneriaeth sifil o fewn 21 diwrnod o lofnodi'r datganiad hwn.

3. Where either person is serving a life sentence in a prison or other place of detention and is subject to a whole life order, they are ineligible to register as civil partners of each other by virtue of Section 3(1)(e) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 unless they have written permission from the Secretary of State to do so.
Pan fod y naill berson neu'r llall yn bwrw dedfryd oes mewn carchar neu fan cadw arall ac yn destun gorchymyn bywyd cyfan, nid ydynt yn gymwys i gofrestru fel partneriaid sifil i'w gilydd yn rhinwedd Adran 3(1)(e) o Ddeddf Bartneriaeth Sifil 2004 oni bai bod ganddynt ganiatâd ysgrifenedig gan yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol i wneud hynny.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015 and the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005, in consequence of amendments made by the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 to the Marriage Act 1949 and the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

Section 75(3)(a) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 inserts new paragraph (c) into section 27A(3) of the Marriage Act 1949, adding a requirement for the statement of the responsible authority, which must accompany a detained person's notice of marriage, to state whether the detained person is serving a whole life sentence and if so, whether they are subject to a whole life order.

Section 76(7) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 inserts new paragraph (c) into section 19(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004, adding the same requirement to the supporting statement which must accompany a detained person's notice of proposed civil partnership.

Regulation 2 replaces Forms 8 and 8(w), prescribed by the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015, with new forms 1 and 2 in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Regulation 3 replaces Forms 7 and 7(w), prescribed by the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005, with new forms 3 and 4 in the Schedule to these Regulations.

The Welsh language forms (Forms 2 and 4 in the Schedule to these Regulations) are prescribed under the power in section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993 to prescribe separate forms of a document or words, in Welsh and English, and forms partly in Welsh and partly in English, for use in the circumstances prescribed by the enabling legislation.

These Regulations are made by the Registrar General with the approval of the Secretary of State in line with usual practice, rather than under the general power to make transitional provision in the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.

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