

2011 No. 2678

IMMIGRATION

The Immigration (Procedure for Marriage) Regulations 2011

Made - - - - *7th November 2011*

Laid before Parliament *10th November 2011*

Coming into force - - *1st December 2011*

The Secretary of State has consulted with the Registrar General, the Registrar General for Scotland and the Registrar General for Northern Ireland in accordance with sections 20(4), 22(2) and 24(2) of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004(a).

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(2)(a), 21(2)(a) and 23(2)(a) of that Act, having regard to the meanings of “prescribed” in sections 22(2) and 24(2), makes the following Regulations.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Procedure for Marriage) Regulations 2011 and shall come into force on 1st December 2011.

(2) In these Regulations, “the 2004 Act” means the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004.

Specified registration districts in England and Wales

2. The registration districts in England and Wales listed in the Schedule are specified for the purposes of section 19(2)(a) of the 2004 Act.

Prescribed registration districts in Scotland

3. Every registration district in Scotland is prescribed for the purposes of section 21(2)(a) of the 2004 Act.

Prescribed registrars in Northern Ireland

4. The registrar of every register office in Northern Ireland is prescribed for the purposes of section 23(2)(a) of the 2004 Act.

Revocation

5. The Immigration (Procedure for Marriage) Regulations 2005(b) are revoked.

(a) 2004 c.19.

(b) S.I. 2005/15 as amended by S.I. 2011/1158.

Home Office
7th November 2011

Damian Green
Minister of State

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

SPECIFIED REGISTRATION DISTRICTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Barking and Dagenham

Barnet

Birmingham

Blackburn with Darwen

Brent

Brighton and Hove

Bristol

Cambridgeshire

Camden

Cardiff

Cardiganshire North

Conwy

Cornwall

Coventry

Croydon

Cumbria

Devon

Ealing

Enfield

Essex

Gloucestershire

Greenwich

Hackney

Hammersmith and Fulham

Hampshire

Haringey

Harrow

Havering

Hertfordshire

Hillingdon

Hounslow
Hull
Islington
Kensington and Chelsea
Kent
Kingston upon Thames
Lambeth
Leeds
Leicester
Lewisham
Lincolnshire
Liverpool
Luton
Manchester
Merton
Middlesbrough
Milton Keynes
Newcastle upon Tyne
Newham
Norfolk
Northamptonshire
Nottingham
Oxfordshire
Pembrokeshire
Peterborough
Plymouth
Powys
Reading
Redbridge
Sheffield
Shropshire
Slough
Southampton
Southwark
Stoke on Trent

Suffolk

Surrey

Swansea

Swindon

Tower Hamlets

Waltham Forest

Wandsworth

Westminster

West Sussex

Wrexham

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 19(2)(a) of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 provides that where a marriage is to be solemnised in England and Wales, notices under section 27 of the Marriage Act 1949 must be given to the superintendent registrar of a registration district. These Regulations specify the relevant registration districts within England and Wales. A similar provision is made in respect of a marriage to be solemnised in Scotland (by section 21(2)) and Northern Ireland (by section 23(2)) of the 2004 Act and the Regulations prescribe every registration district in both Scotland and Northern Ireland for the purposes of the Act.

These Regulations revoke and replace the Immigration (Procedure for Marriage) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/15). They update the list of registered districts and also reflect the withdrawal of the requirement to seek the Secretary of State's permission to marry following the Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (Remedial) Order 2011(S.I. 2011/1158) by removing the provisions which set out how permission was to be applied for.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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