

MARRIAGE MEASURE (ISLE OF MAN) 2022

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A MEASURE enacted pursuant to the Church Legislation Procedure Act 1993 to make new provision for preliminaries to a marriage according to the rites of the Church of England of certain foreign nationals

1. Short title

The short title of this Measure is the Marriage Measure (Isle of Man) 2022.

2. Commencement

This Measure comes into operation on such day as the Bishop may by order appoint.

3. Marriage of certain nationals

(1) The Marriage Act 1984 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 5, at the end insert "; or

(d) on the authority of a certificate of a registrar issued under Part III."

(3) For section 8 substitute —

"8 Notice etc. before publication of banns

Banns may not be published unless the persons to be married have delivered or caused to be delivered to a cleric by whom or by whose authority they are to be published —

(a) a notice in writing, dated on the day on which it is so delivered, stating —

(i) the christian name and surname and the place of residence of each of them,

(ii) the period during which each of them has resided at his or her place of residence, and

(iii) whether or not he or she has been married before; and

(b) prescribed evidence that both of those persons are relevant nationals."

- (4) In section 11, at the end insert —
- "(3) A marriage may not be solemnized after the publication of banns unless both of the persons to be married are relevant nationals."
- (5) In section 13, after subsection (2) insert —
- "(2A) A common licence shall not be granted unless the persons to be married deliver or cause to be delivered to the person granting the licence prescribed evidence that they are both relevant nationals."
- (6) After section 14 insert —

"Marriage under registrar's certificate

14A Marriage under registrar's certificate

- (1) A marriage according to the rites of the Church of England may be solemnized on the authority of a certificate of a registrar in force under Part III in a parish church or public chapel which is specified in the notice of marriage under section 20.
- (2) A marriage may not be solemnized as mentioned in subsection (1) —
- (a) without the consent of the incumbent of the church or chapel, or
- (b) by any person other than a cleric."
- (7) In section 20(3)(b)(i), after "in accordance with" insert "section 14A or".
- (8) In section 24(1), at the end insert "; or
- (c) in the case of a marriage to be solemnized as mentioned in section 14A(1), it appears to the registrar that both of the persons to be married are relevant nationals."
- (9) In section 55(1), at the appropriate place insert —
- ""relevant national" means —
- (a) a British citizen, or
- (b) an Irish citizen (that is, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland);"

4. Transitional provision

Nothing in section 3 applies to a marriage solemnized —

- (a) after the publication of banns, where the publication was completed before the commencement of that section, or
- (b) by authority of a common licence granted before such commencement.