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**WOMEN'S CHARTER
(CHAPTER 353)**

**WOMEN'S CHARTER
(REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES) (AMENDMENT NO. 2)
RULES 2011**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 180(1) of the Women's Charter, MG (NS) Chan Chun Sing, Minister of State, charged with the responsibility of the Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2011.

New rules 1A and 1B

2. The Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules (R 3) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 1, the following rules:

“Prescribed persons under section 17A of Act

1A.—(1) For the purposes of section 17A(1) of the Act, the prescribed classes of persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme are —

- (a) every party to an intended marriage where —
 - (i) any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
 - (ii) any one of the parties is below the age of 18 years; and
- (b) every party to an intended marriage where —
 - (i) any one of the parties is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
 - (ii) neither party is below the age of 18 years but both parties are below the age of 21 years,

unless a party to the intended marriage suffers from any illness or disability specified in paragraph (2).

- (2) The illness or disability referred to in paragraph (1) is —
- (a) any critical illness or terminal illness which renders it impracticable or impossible for the party suffering therefrom, or both that party and the other party to the intended marriage, to attend or complete a marriage preparation programme; and
 - (b) any physical disability or infirmity (such as any visual, auditory or speech impairment) which renders it impracticable or impossible for the party suffering therefrom, or both that party and the other party to the intended marriage, to attend or complete a marriage preparation programme.

Marriage preparation programme

1B. For the purposes of section 17A of the Act, a “marriage preparation programme” refers to a programme or course —

- (a) which is organised by any secular or religious organisation;
- (b) which seeks to help persons intending to get married to understand and prepare for the issues commonly arising in a marriage; and
- (c) which is conducted by a person who is trained in conducting a programme or course of such nature or who has experience in dealing with issues commonly arising in a marriage.”.

Amendment of Schedule

3. The Schedule to the Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules is amended by deleting Form A and substituting the following Form: