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Made under section 5 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act²

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1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the Solemnization of Marriage Regulations.

2 Applications for a licence to marry

- (1) The affidavit required by the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act as amended (hereinafter called “the Act”) shall have exhibited to it the following documents —
 - (a) the birth certificates of both applicants. If an applicant cannot produce his or her birth certificate then, unless the sub-registrar hearing the application is satisfied beyond any doubt by the appearance of the applicant that he or she is over 18, he or she shall file an affidavit by a person who has personal knowledge of when the applicant was born and that person shall state his means of knowledge;
 - (b) an applicant who is over 15 but under 18 years of age must exhibit the written consent of his parents or guardian. If his parents are divorced or separated the consent shall be that of the parent who has custody of him; where there is no custody order and the parents disagree the sub-registrar shall decide which parent shall be entitled to give or refuse consent;
 - (c) when it is requested that the marriage should be solemnized by a Minister of Religion other than the Minister whose name appears on the book of certificates held in the building where the applicants wish to be