

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

THE JOINT VALIDITY OF MARRIAGES REGULATION  
(AMENDMENT) ACT No. 34 OF 1981

Arrangement of Sections

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To provide for the application of the Joint Validity of Marriages Regulation No. 16 of 1970 to persons generally, and for the appointment of District Registrars and for other matters.

So it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows :-

Amendment of  
Reg. 16/70.

1. The Joint Validity of Marriages Regulation No. 16 of 1970 is amended by :-

- (a) the substitution of the word "person" for the words "New Hebridean" and the word "persons" for the words "New Hebrideans" throughout the Regulation;
- (b) the substitution of the word "Minister" for the words "Resident Commissioners" throughout the Regulation;
- (c) the deletion in Section 1 of the words in brackets;
- (d) the repeal of Section 2 and the substitution of the following therefor :

"2 (1) District Registrars shall be appointed by the Minister and their appointments shall be notified in the Gazette.

(2) The instrument of appointment of a District Registrar shall declare the district within which he may celebrate marriages.

(3) The jurisdiction of each District Registrar shall be limited to the District to which he has been appointed. The Minister may appoint an additional District Registrar to a District who shall exercise concurrently with the office holder the functions conferred upon him by this Regulation."

- (e) the substitution in Section 5 of the English text of the word "residence" for the word "domicile";
- (f) the substitution of the word "Vanuatu" for the words "New Hebrides" throughout the Regulation;
- (g) the substitution of the word "premises" for the words "District Agency" throughout the Regulation;

(h) the addition at the end of the Regulation of the following section :

"23 The Minister may by order prescribe fees payable on the celebration of marriages."

(i) the deletion of Form A from Schedule 1 and the substitution therefor of the following :

FORM A

NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE

(Sections 5 and 6)

Notice is hereby given that a marriage is intended to be celebrated within three months of the date hereof between the undersigned.

The marriage will take place at .....

Name	Condition	Occupation Rank of Profession	Age	Place of Residence	Consent, if any, and by whom given
1.					
2.					

Witness our hands this.....day of.....19.....

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(Signature)

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(Signature)

Commencement. 2. This Act shall come into force on the day of assent.