



# Marriage Amendment (Authorised Celebrants and Other Measures) Regulations 2024

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I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated                    4 July                    2024

Sam Mostyn  
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Mark Dreyfus  
Attorney-General

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Marriage Amendment (Authorised Celebrants and Other Measures) Regulations 2024*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The later of: (a) the start of the day after this instrument is registered; and (b) immediately after the commencement of Part 7 of Schedule 3 to the <i>Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Act 2024</i> .	9 July 2024

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Marriage Act 1961*.

## 4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Marriage Regulations 2017*

#### **1 Section 5 (at the end of the note after the heading)**

Add:

; (h) Registrar of Marriage Celebrants.

#### **2 Section 5 (definition of *Registrar of Marriage Celebrants*)**

Repeal the definition.

#### **3 Paragraph 43(2)(d)**

Omit “celebrant;”, substitute “celebrant.”.

#### **4 Paragraphs 43(2)(e) and (f)**

Repeal the paragraphs.

#### **5 At the end of section 43**

Add:

- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 39K(aa) of the Act, the Registrar of Marriage Celebrants must remove the name of a person from the register of marriage celebrants if:
- (a) the person notifies the Registrar that the person no longer wishes to be registered as a marriage celebrant; or
  - (b) the Registrar becomes aware that:
    - (i) the person is a minister of religion of a recognised denomination and is registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the Act; or
    - (ii) the person is authorised to solemnise marriages in a State or Territory under Subdivision B of Division 1 of Part IV of the Act; or
  - (c) the Registrar is satisfied that the person has died.

#### **6 At the end of Part 6**

Add:

### **Division 3—Amendments made by the Marriage Amendment (Authorised Celebrants and Other Measures) Regulations 2024**

#### **99 Application—removal from register of marriage celebrants**

Paragraph 43(4)(b), as inserted by the *Marriage Amendment (Authorised Celebrants and Other Measures) Regulations 2024* (the **amendment Regulations**), does not apply in relation to a person who is registered as a marriage celebrant under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the Act if:

- (a) the person is a minister of religion of a recognised denomination who was registered under Subdivision A of that Division immediately before the commencement of the amendment Regulations; or
- (b) the person was authorised to solemnise marriages in a State or Territory under Subdivision B of that Division immediately before the commencement of the amendment Regulations.

**7 At the end of clause 2 of Schedule 2**

Add:

- ; (d) reasonable and timely responses to requests by the parties to an intended marriage.