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WOMEN'S CHARTER (CHAPTER 353)

WOMEN'S CHARTER (REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 180(1) of the Women's Charter, the Minister for Social and Family Development makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2016 and come into operation on 1 October 2016.

Amendment of rule 1A

2. Rule 1A of the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules (R 3) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

"(1) For the purposes of section 17A(1) of the Act, the class of persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme consists of every party to an intended marriage where —

- (*a*) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore;
- (b) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is below the age of 21 years; and
- (c) neither party to the intended marriage suffers from any illness or disability specified in paragraph (2).".

Deletion and substitution of rule 1B

3. Rule 1B of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

"Marriage preparation programme

1B.—(1) In sections 17A and 21 of the Act, "marriage preparation programme" means a programme or course which —

- (*a*) is organised by an organisation approved by a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family Development appointed under paragraph (2);
- (b) seeks to help persons intending to get married to understand and prepare for the issues commonly arising in a marriage; and
- (c) is conducted by a person who
 - (i) has experience in dealing with issues commonly arising in a marriage; or
 - (ii) is trained to conduct such a programme or course.

(2) The Minister may appoint a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family Development to approve any organisation authorised to organise a programme or course mentioned in paragraph (1).".

Amendment of Schedule

4. The Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting Form A and substituting the following Form:

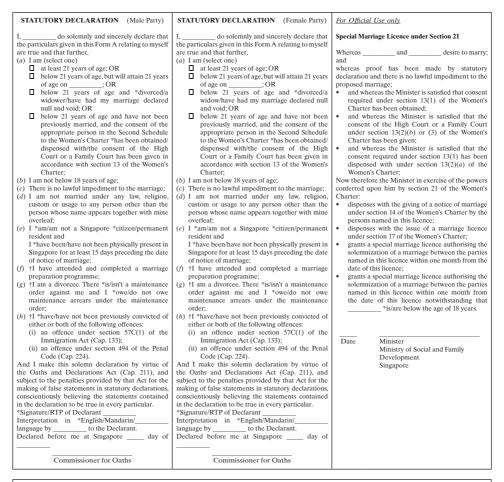
"Form A

Rules 2, 4A, 6(1) and (2) and 15(1)

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NOTICE OF MARRIAGE UNDER SECTION 14 MARRIAGE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 10 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENCE UNDER SECTION 21		Solemnization			
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To: Registrar of Marriages, Singapore I.			<u>For Official Us</u> Remarks	<u>e Only</u>	
Attestation (Section 15) I,of the Registry of Marriages, Singapore, certify that the *Signature/RTP was affixed in my presence by the person named in this Notice, and I have verified it to the best of my ability to be that of this person. Signature of Attesting Witness			Marriage Licence under Section 17 The parties in the Notice, having complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Women's Charter, and there being no caveat entered under section 19 of the Women's Charter which obstructs the issue of this licence, are issued with a licence to marry WITHINTHREE MONTHS after the date of the Notice. This licence is valid with effect from the date stated below.		
			Date Assistant Registrar of Marriages		
Name Alias ID Type ID No. Date of Birth † Marital Status Nationality Race Religion Education Occupation Both related? (by kindred and affinity) Address Contact	Male Applicant	Female Applicant	Whereas	ge Licence under S and men's Charter, and tionship mentioned ter; I am satisfied that t in this licence comp f the Women's Chai 1, in exercise of th 2) of the Women's C e persons named in Minister	are desirous of marrying they are within a prohibited l in the First Schedule to the the proposed marriage of the plies with the requirements of
Witness 1 Witness 2					
*Delete as appropriate. †Someone who describes himself/herself as single must be previously unmarried and not a divorcee.					

Form A — *continued*



*Delete as appropriate

- †Notes to Statutory Declaration Paragraph (f) may be deleted if the declarant does not fall within a class of persons prescribed under section 17A of the Women's Charter as persons who must
- attend a marriage preparation programme. The prescribed class of persons consists of every party to an intended marriage where
- (a) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore
 (b) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is below the age of 21 years; and

(c) neither party to the intended marriage suffers from any critical or terminal illness or any physical disability or infirmity which renders it impracticable or impossible for that party to attend or complete a marriage preparation programme.

Paragraph (g) may be deleted if the declarant is not a divorcee.

Paragraph (h) may be deleted if the declarant has never been married, and has never been a party to a purported marriage that is void or a marriage that is voidable

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Saving and transitional provision

5. Despite rule 4, the following continue to be in Form A set out in the Schedule to the principal Rules as in force immediately before 1 October 2016:

(a) a notice given to the Registrar before that date under section 14 of the Act:

- (b) a statutory declaration made under section 17(2) of the Act by a party to a proposed marriage, if a notice is given to the Registrar before that date under section 14 of the Act by a party to the proposed marriage;
- (c) an application made before that date for the grant of a special marriage licence under section 21 of the Act;
- (d) a special marriage licence granted under section 21 of the Act pursuant to an application mentioned in paragraph (c);
- (e) an application made before that date for the registration of a marriage under section 182 of the Act.

[G.N. Nos. S 688/2002; S 46/2003; S 557/2005; S 227/2010; S 270/2011; S 498/2011; S 100/2012]

Made on 21 June 2016.

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Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore.

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 180(2) of the Women's Charter).