

GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

2020 No. 135

**The Marriage (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020  
(Commencement and Transitional Provisions)  
Regulations, 2020**

<i>Made</i>	14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020
<i>Coming into operation</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021
<i>Laid before the States</i>	, 2021

THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 66 and 70 of the Marriage (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020<sup>a</sup>, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders:-

**Commencement of Law.**

1. Sections 9, 10, 18, 19, 60, 61, 66 and 68 to 70 of the Marriage (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020 ("the Law") shall come into force on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.
2. The remaining provisions of the Law shall come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

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<sup>a</sup> Order in Council No. XVI of 2020.

**Transitional provisions.**

3. (1) Paragraph (2) applies where, before 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, a notice of marriage has been given under the Marriage Law 1919, or under the Alderney Marriage Law, and such notice remains valid.

(2) Despite the repeal of those Laws on the said 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021, the provisions of and under the Marriage Law 1919, or the Alderney Marriage Law (as the case may be), shall continue to apply in relation to the formation and registration of the marriage in respect of which the said notice was given.

(3) The references in sections 7(5), 7(6) and 11(1) of the Law to "commencement of this Law" are references to commencement under section 2 of these Regulations.

**Interpretation.**

4. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Law" means the Marriage (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020, and all other expressions shall have the meaning given in the Law.

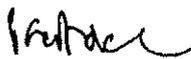
**Citation.**

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Marriage (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020 (Commencement and Transitional Provisions) Regulations, 2020.

**Commencement.**

6. These Regulations shall come into force on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020



PETER FERBRACHE

President of the Policy & Resources Committee

For and on behalf of the Committee

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made under the Marriage (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020 and make provision for its commencement and for transitional provisions.

Those provisions which relate to, and are necessary for, the appointment of civil celebrants and authorised religious officials are brought into force on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The remaining provisions are brought into force on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The transitional provisions provide that where notice of marriage is given prior to commencement of the main provisions of the new Law, the provisions of the existing legislation (the Loi ayant rapport aux Mariages Célébrés dans les Îles de Guernesey,

d'Auregny et de Serk, 1919, in respect of marriages in Guernsey and Sark, and the Loi ayant rapport aux Mariages Célébrés dans l'Île d'Auregny, 1923, in respect of marriages in Alderney), will continue to apply in respect of the marriage to which that notice relates.

These Regulations will come into force on the 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.