

I. RECOGNITION OF MARRIAGE SERVICES ACT (DECLARATORY ACT) (ACT I 1977) (AS AMENDED BY ACT II 2004 AND ACT VI 2022)

Edinburgh, 24th May 1977, Session 1.

The General Assembly declare as follows:-

1. The Church of Scotland recognises as sufficient for the solemnisation of marriage any form of ceremony which is in accordance with the terms of Sections 2 and 3 below.
2. Solemnisation of marriage in the Church of Scotland is effected by an ordained minister or deacon in a religious ceremony wherein, before God, and in the presence of the minister or deacon and at least two competent witnesses, the parties covenant together to take each other in marriage as long as they both shall live, and the minister or deacon declares the parties to be married.
3. Before solemnising a marriage a minister or deacon must be assured that the necessary legal requirements have been complied with and that the parties know of no legal impediment to their marriage, and he or she must afterwards ensure that the Marriage Schedule is duly completed.
4. *Deleted by Act VI 2022.*