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MARRIAGE ACT

**An Act to make provisions for the celebration of marriages.**

[18 of 1914. 18 of 1916. 23 of 1922. 58 of 1933. 1 of 1958. L.N. 131 of 1954.  
1 of 1955.]

[31st December, 1914]

[Commencement.]

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Marriage Act.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"**district**" means a marriage district constituted under this Act;

"**Principal Registrar**" means the Principal Registrar of Marriages;

"**registrar**" means a registrar of marriages, and includes a deputy registrar when acting as a registrar.

**3. Marriage districts**

The President shall, by order published in the Federal *Gazette*, divide Nigeria into districts, for the purposes of this Act, and may, from time to time, by like order, alter the districts.

[L.N. 120 of 1957.]

#### **4. Appointment of registrars**

(1) There may, from time to time, be appointed a fit and proper person to be the Principal Registrar of Marriages.

[L.N. 112 of 1964.]

(2) There may likewise be appointed a fit and proper person to be the registrar of marriages for each marriage district, and may also appoint a deputy registrar of marriages for any district to act in the absence or during the illness or incapacity of the registrar.

#### **5. Offices of registrars**

Every registrar shall have an office at such place as the Minister shall direct. The office of the Principal Registrar shall be at such place as the Minister shall direct.

[58 of 1933. 131 of 1954. L.N. 130 of 1957.]

#### **6. Places of worship to be licensed for celebration of marriages**

(1) The Minister may license any place of public worship to be a place for the celebration of marriages, and may at any time cancel such license; in either case he shall give notice thereof in the *Federal Gazette*.

[L.N. 131 of 1954.]

(2) Every place of public worship licensed as a place for the celebration of marriages under any enactment repealed by this Act shall be deemed to be licensed under this Act unless and until the Minister shall cancel the license in respect thereof.

[L.N. 112 of 1964.]

### *Preliminaries to marriage*

#### **7. Notice of marriage**

Whenever any persons desire to marry, one of the parties to the intended marriage shall sign and give to the registrar of the district in which the marriage is intended to take place a notice as in Form A in the First Schedule.

[First Schedule.]

#### **8. Signature of notice by person unable to write or to understand English language**

If the person giving such notice is unable to write or is insufficiently acquainted with the English language, or both, then it shall be sufficient if he places his mark or cross thereto in the presence of some literate person who shall attest the same as in Form B in the First Schedule.

[First Schedule.]

#### **9. Registrars to supply forms of notice**

Every registrar shall supply forms of notice gratuitously to any person applying for the same.

#### **10. Notice to be entered in marriage notice book and published**

Upon receipt of such notice the registrar shall cause the same to be entered in a book to be called the marriage notice book, which may be inspected during office hours without fee. He shall also publish such notice by causing a copy of the same to be affixed on the outer door of his office, and to be kept exposed there until he grants his certificate as hereinafter mentioned, or until three months shall have elapsed.

#### **11. Registrar to issue certificate on proof of conditions by affidavit**

(1) The registrar, at any time after the expiration of twenty-one days and before the expiration of three months from the date of the notice, upon payment of the prescribed fee, shall thereupon issue his certificate as in Form C in the First Schedule:

[First Schedule.]

Provided always that he shall not issue such certificate until he has been satisfied by affidavit-

- (a) that one of the parties has been resident within the district in which the marriage is intended to be celebrated at least fifteen days preceding the granting of the certificate;
- (b) that each of the parties to the intended marriage (not being a widower or widow) is twenty-one years old, or that if he or she is under that age, the consent hereinafter made requisite has been obtained in writing and is annexed to such affidavit;
- (c) that there is not any impediment of kindred or affinity, or any other lawful hindrance to the marriage;
- (d) that neither of the parties to the intended marriage is married by customary law to any person other than the person with whom such marriage is proposed to be contracted.

(2) Such affidavit may be sworn before a registrar, or before an administrative officer or before a recognised minister of religion.

#### **Explanations to be given**

(3) The person taking such affidavit shall explain to the person making the same what are the prohibited degrees of kindred and affinity, and the penalties which may be incurred under sections 42 and 43 of this Act, and if he wilfully fails to make such explanation, he shall be liable to imprisonment for two years.

(4) The person taking such affidavit shall sign a declaration written thereon, that he has given the explanation required by this section to the person making such affidavit and that such person has appeared fully to understand the same.

#### **12. Marriage to take place within three months after date of notice**

If the marriage shall not take place within three months after the date of the notice, the notice and all proceedings consequent thereupon shall be void; and fresh notice shall be given before the parties can lawfully marry.

#### **13. Minister may grant license to marry**

The Minister upon proof being made to him by affidavit that there is no lawful impediment to the proposed marriage, and that the necessary consent, if any, to such marriage has been obtained, may, if he shall think fit, dispense with the giving of notice, and with the issue of the certificate of the registrar, and may grant his license, which shall be according to Form D in the First Schedule, authorising the celebration of a marriage between the parties named in such license by a registrar, or by a recognised minister of some religious denomination or body.

[1 of 1958. L.N. 1 of 1955. L.N. 112 of 1964. First Schedule. Form D.]

#### **14. Caveat may be entered against issue of certificate**

(1) Any person whose consent to a marriage is hereby required, or who may know of any just cause why the marriage should not take place, may enter a caveat against the issue of the registrar's certificate, by writing at any time before the issue thereof the word "Forbidden", opposite to the entry of the notice in the marriage notice book, and appending thereto his name and place of abode, and the grounds upon which he claims to forbid the issue of the certificate, and the registrar shall not issue his certificate until such caveat shall be removed as hereinafter is provided.

(2) In the case of an illiterate person, such caveat shall be entered on his behalf in the marriage notice book by the registrar on the verbal notice of such person.

#### **15. When caveat entered question to be referred to court**

Whenever a caveat is entered against the issue of a certificate, the registrar shall refer the matter to a judge of the High Court of the State, and such judge shall thereupon summon the parties to the intended marriage, and the person by whom the caveat is entered,

to appear before him in the High Court of the State, and shall require the person by whom the caveat is entered to show cause why the registrar should not issue his certificate, and shall hear and determine the case in a summary way subject to a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal.

#### **16. Removal of caveat**

If the judge decides that the certificate ought to be issued, he shall remove the caveat by cancelling the word "Forbidden" in the marriage notice book, in ink, and by writing in such marriage notice book, immediately below such entry and cancellation, the words "Cancelled by order of the High Court" and signing his name thereto. The registrar shall then issue his certificate and the marriage may proceed as if the caveat had not been entered, but the time that has elapsed between the entering and the removal of the caveat shall not be computed in the period of three months specified in sections 11 and 12 of this Act.

[58 of 1933. L.N. 47 of 1955.]

#### **17. Compensation and costs**

The judge may award compensation and costs to the party injured, if it appears that a caveat was entered on insufficient grounds.

[58 of 1933.]

*Consent of marriage in certain cases necessary*

#### **18. Consent to marriage of minors**

If either party to an intended marriage, not being a widower or widow, is under twenty-one years of age, the written consent of the father, or if he be dead or of unsound mind or absent from Nigeria, of the mother, or if both be dead or of unsound mind or absent from Nigeria, of the guardian of such party, must be produced annexed to such affidavit as aforesaid before a license can be granted or a certificate issued.

#### **19. Signature of consent by person unable to write or to understand English language**

(1) If the person required to sign such consent is unable to write, or is insufficiently acquainted with the English language, or both, then he shall sign such consent by placing his mark or cross thereto in the presence of one of the following persons-

- (a) any judge of the High Court of the State;
- (b) administrative officer;
- (c) justice of the peace;
- (d) magistrate;
- (e) registrar of marriages;
- (f) medical officer in the service of the Government; or
- (g) minister of religion.

(2) Such signature shall be attested by such person as in the Form B in the First Schedule.

[First Schedule. Form B.]

#### **20. Consent where no parent or guardian capable of consenting**

If there be no parent or guardian of such party residing in Nigeria and capable of consenting to the marriage, then any of the following persons may consent to such marriage, in writing, upon being satisfied after due inquiry that the marriage is a proper one-

[14 of 1932. L.N. 47 of 1955. L.N. 112 of 1964.]

- (a) a Governor;
- (b) a judge of the High Court of the State or of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;
- (c) any officer of or above the grade of assistant secretary.

*Celebration of marriage*

#### **21. Marriage in licensed place of worship**

Marriage may be celebrated in any licensed place of worship by any recognised minister of the church, denomination or body to which such place of worship belongs, and according to the rites or usages of marriage observed in such church, denomination or body:

### **Proviso as to times and witnesses**

Provided that the marriage be celebrated with open doors between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and six o'clock in the afternoon, and in the presence of two or more witnesses besides the officiating minister.

### **22. Minister not to celebrate marriage if impediment, nor without license, etc.**

A minister shall not celebrate any marriage if he knows of any just impediment to such marriage, nor until the parties deliver to him the registrar's certificate or the license issued under section 13 of this Act.

[L.N. 1 of 1955.]

### **23. Where minister may celebrate marriage**

A minister shall not celebrate any marriage except in a building which has been duly licensed by the Minister, or in such place as the license issued under section 13 of this Act, may direct.

[L.N. of 1955.]

### **24. Registrars to be provided with books of certificates**

The Principal Registrar shall cause to be printed and delivered to the several registrars, and to the recognised minister's of licensed places of worship, books of marriage certificates in duplicate and with counterfoils as in the Form E in the First Schedule. Such books shall be kept by the several registrars and the recognised ministers for the time of such places of worship, under lock and key, and be in custody of such registrars and ministers respectively, who shall, so soon as all the certificates in any such books shall have been used, send the said book with the counterfoils duly filled in to the Principal Registrar.

[First Schedule. Form E.]

### **25. Entries to be made in marriage certificate**

Immediately after the celebration of any marriage by a minister, the officiating minister shall fill up in duplicate a marriage certificate with the particulars required by the said Form E, and state also and enter in the counterfoil the number of the certificate, the date of the marriage, names of the parties, and the names of the witnesses.

[Form E.]

### **26. Signature of certificate; duplicate certificate to be sent to registrar**

The certificate shall then be signed in duplicate by the officiating minister, by the parties, and by two or more witnesses to the marriage. The minister having also signed his name to the counterfoil, he shall sever the duplicate certificate therefrom, and he shall deliver one certificate to the parties, and shall within seven days thereafter transmit the other to the registrar of marriages for the district in which the marriage takes place, who shall file the same in his office.

### **27. Marriage in a registrar's office**

After the issue of a certificate under section 11, or of a license under section 13 of this Act, the parties may, if they think fit, contract a marriage before a registrar, in the presence of two witnesses in his office, with open doors, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, and in the following manner-

#### **Form to be observed**

The registrar, after production to him of the certificate or license, shall, either directly or through an interpreter, address the parties thus-

"Do I understand that you, A.B., and you, C.D., come here for the purpose of becoming man and wife?"

If the parties answer in the affirmative, he shall proceed thus- -../

"Know ye that, by the public taking of each other as man and wife in my pres-ence and in the presence of the persons now here, and by the subsequent attestation thereof by signing your names to that effect, you become legally married to each other, although no other rite of a civil or religious nature shall take place, and that this marriage cannot be dissolved during your lifetime, except by a valid judgment of divorce; and if either of you before the death of the other shall contract another marriage while this remain

undissolved you will be thereby guilty of bigamy, and liable to punishment for that offence."

Each of the parties shall then say to the other "I call upon all persons here present to witness that I, A.B. do take thee, C.D. to be my lawful wife (or husband)".

### **28. Marriage certificate to be signed**

The registrar shall then fill up, and he and the parties and witnesses shall sign, the certificate of the marriage in duplicate, and the registrar shall then fill up and sign the counterfoil as hereinbefore prescribed in the case of a marriage by a minister, and shall deliver one certificate to the parties and shall file the other in his office.

### **29. Marriage under license**

Whenever the license issued under section 13 of this Act authorises the celebration of marriage at a place other than a licensed place of worship, or the office of the registrar of marriages, the registrar of the district in which marriage is intended to take place, upon the production of such license, shall deliver to the person producing the same a blank certificate of marriage in duplicate and shall fill up such certificate, and observe strictly all the formalities hereinbefore prescribed as to marriages in a licensed place of worship or registrar's office, as the case may be.

#### *Registry and evidence of marriages*

### **30. Marriage certificates to be registered**

(1) Every registrar shall forthwith register in a book to be kept in his office for such purpose, and to be called the marriage register book, every certificate of marriage which shall be filed in his office according to the Form F in the First Schedule; and every such entry shall be made in the order of date from the beginning to the end of the book, and every entry so made shall be dated on the day on which it is so entered, and shall be signed by the registrar, and such book shall be indexed in such manner as is best suited for easy reference thereto.

[First Schedule. Form E]

(2) The registrar shall at all reasonable times allow searches to be made in the marriage register book, and shall give certified copies therefrom upon payment of the prescribed fee.

(3) Within ten days after the last day of each month, every registrar shall send to the Principal Registrar a certified copy of all entries made by him during the preceding month in the marriage register book of his district, and the Principal Registrar shall file the same in his office.

### **31. Correction of clerical errors in marriage certificates**

Any registrar, when authorised by the Principal Registrar, may correct any clerical error in any certificate of marriage filed in his office, upon production to him of the certificate delivered to the parties, and shall authenticate every such correction by his signature and the date of such correction.

### **32. Evidence of marriage**

Every certificate of marriage which shall have been filed in the office of the registrar of any district, or a copy thereof, purporting to be signed and certified as a true copy by the registrar of such district for the time being, and every entry in a marriage register book, or copy thereof certified as aforesaid, shall be admissible as evidence of the marriage to which it relates, in any court of justice or before any person having by law or consent of parties authority to hear, receive, and examine evidence.

#### *Invalid marriages*

### **33. Invalid marriages**

(1) No marriage in Nigeria shall be valid where either of the parties thereto at the time of the celebration of such marriage is married under customary law to any person other than the person with whom such marriage is had.

[L.N. 1 of 1955. 1970 No. 18.]

(2) A marriage shall be null and void if both parties knowingly and wilfully acquiesce in its celebration-

- (a) in any place other than the office of a registrar of marriages or a licensed place of worship (except where authorised by the license issued under section 13 of this Act); or
- (b) under a false name or names; or
- (c) without a registrar's certificate of notice or license issued under section 13 of this Act duly issued; or
- (d) by a person not being a recognised minister of some religious denomination or body or a registrar of marriages.

(3) But no marriage shall, after celebration, be deemed invalid by reason that any provision of this Act other than the foregoing has not been complied with.

### **34. Marriages under this Act valid**

All marriages celebrated under this Act shall be good and valid in law to all intents and purposes.

### **35. Customary marriages**

Any person who is married under this Act, or whose marriage is declared by this Act to be valid, shall be incapable, during the continuance of such marriage, of contracting a valid marriage under customary law; but, save as aforesaid, nothing in this Act contained shall affect the validity of any marriage contracted under or in accordance with any customary law, or in any manner apply to marriages so contracted.

#### *Fees*

### **36. Fees**

The fees specified in the Second Schedule shall be paid for the several matters to which they are applicable.

[Second Schedule.]

### **37. Fees may be remitted on ground of poverty**

The Minister may, when he is satisfied of the poverty of the parties, reduce the amount of the said fees, or remit them altogether, and, if they have been paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund or other appropriate Fund as the case may be, order their refund.

[1971 No. 14.]

### **38. Minister may receive customary fees**

This Act shall not preclude a minister from receiving the fees ordinarily paid to a minister of his denomination for the celebration of marriage.

#### *Offences and penalties*

### **39. Marriage with a person previously married**

Whoever, being unmarried, goes through the ceremony of marriage under this Act with a person whom he or she knows to be married to another person, shall be liable to imprisonment for five years.

### **40. Making false declarations, etc., for marriage**

Whoever in any affidavit, declaration, certificate, license, document, or statement by law to be made or issued for the purposes of a marriage, declares, enters, certifies or states any material matter which is false, shall, if he does so without having taken reasonable means to ascertain the truth or falsity of such matter, be liable to imprisonment for one year, or shall, if he does so knowing that such matter is false, be liable to imprisonment for five years.

### **41. False pretence of impediment to marriage**

Whoever endeavours to prevent a marriage by pretence that his consent thereto is required by law, or that any person whose consent is so required does not consent, or that

there is any legal impediment to the performing of such marriage, shall, if he does so knowing that such pretence is false or without having reason to believe that it is true, be liable to imprisonment for two years.

#### **42. Unlawfully performing marriage ceremony**

Whoever performs or witnesses as a marriage officer the ceremony of marriage, knowing that he is not duly qualified so to do, or that any of the matters required by law for the validity of such marriage has not happened or been performed, so that the marriage is void or unlawful on any ground, shall be liable to imprisonment for five years.

#### **43. Wilful neglect of duty to fill up or transmit certificate of marriage**

Whoever, being under a duty to fill up the certificate of a marriage celebrated by him, or the counterfoil thereof, or to transmit the same to the registrar of marriages, wilfully fails to perform such duty, shall be liable to imprisonment for two years.

#### **44. Personation in marriage**

Whoever personates any other person in marriage, or marries under a false name or description, with intent to deceive the other party to the marriage, shall be liable to imprisonment for five years.

#### **45. Fictitious marriage**

Whoever goes through the ceremony of marriage, or any ceremony which he or she represents to be a ceremony of marriage, knowing that the marriage is void on any ground, and that the other person believes it to be valid, shall be liable to imprisonment for five years.

#### **46. Contracting marriage under this Act when already married by native law**

Whoever contracts a marriage under the provisions of this Act, or any modification or re-enactment thereof, being at the time married in accordance with customary law to any person other than the person with whom such marriage is contracted, shall be liable to imprisonment for five years.

#### **47. Contracting marriage by customary law when already married by this Act**

Whoever, having contracted marriage under this Act, or any modification or re-enactment thereof, or under any enactment repealed by this Act, during the continuance of such marriage contracts a marriage in accordance with customary law, shall be liable to imprisonment for five years.

#### **48. Marrying minor without prescribed consent**

Whoever, knowing that the written consent required by this Act has not been obtained, shall marry or assist or procure any other person to marry a minor under the age of twenty-one years, not being a widow or widower, shall be liable to imprisonment for two years.

#### *Foreign marriages*

#### **49. Validity of foreign marriages**

Subject to sections 50 to 53 of this Act, a marriage between parties one of whom is a citizen of Nigeria, if it is contracted in a country outside Nigeria before a marriage officer in his office, shall be valid in law as if it had been contracted in Nigeria before a registrar in the registrar's office.

#### **50. Marriage officers**

For the purposes of this Act, every Nigerian diplomatic or consular officer of the rank of Secretary or above shall be regarded as a marriage officer in the country to which he is accredited.

#### **51. Marriage officer's office**

The office used by a marriage officer for the performance of his diplomatic or consular duties shall be regarded as the marriage officer's office for the purposes of this Act.

## 52. Act to apply subject to modifications

Subject to the modifications specified in section 53 this Act shall apply in relation to a marriage contracted before a marriage officer as nearly as may be as it applies in relation to a marriage contracted before a registrar.

## 53. Modifications referred to in section 52

The modifications referred to in section 52 of this Act are as follows-

- (a) references to the registrar's district shall be construed as references to the country to which the marriage officer is accredited;
- (b) the affidavit mentioned in section 11 (2) of this Act shall be sworn before the marriage officer;
- (c) section 13 of this Act shall not apply;
- (d) sections 15 to 17 of this Act shall not apply and, if a caveat is entered under section 14 of this Act in respect of an intended marriage of which notice has been given, the notice and all proceedings consequent thereon shall be void and any fee paid shall be refunded to the payer (without prejudice to the right to give a fresh notice or enter a fresh caveat);
- (e) the marriage officer, if he is satisfied that the consent of any person required by section 18 of this Act cannot be obtained because of that person's absence, inaccessibility or disability, may (without prejudice to that person's right to enter a caveat under section 14 of this Act) dispense with the necessity of obtaining the consent of that person or a consent under section 20 of this Act so however that the marriage officer shall not have power to dispense with the consent required by section 18 of this Act if he is satisfied that the marriage is being sought to be celebrated outside Nigeria solely because that consent could not be obtained in Nigeria;
- (f) in section 30 (3) of this Act the words "three months" and "each calendar year" shall be substituted for the words "ten days" and "each month" respectively;
- (g) in section 33 (1) of this Act the words "in Nigeria" shall be disregarded;
- (h) any fee chargeable shall be converted to the local currency at the official rate of exchange;
- (i) power to reduce, remit or refund fees under section 38 of this Act shall be vested in the marriage officer.

### *Forms*

## 54. Forms

The forms contained in the First Schedule may be used in the cases to which they are applicable, with such alterations as may be necessary.

[First Schedule.]

*Repeals*

**55. Repeals**

The Marriage Ordinance,<sup>1</sup> the Marriage Proclamation<sup>2</sup>, and the Foreign Marriage Ordinance, 1913<sup>3</sup>, are hereby repealed:

Provided, however, that the said enactments shall continue to apply to every marriage contracted thereunder or validated thereby as if this Act had not been made.

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM A  
[Section 7.]

*Notice of marriage*

To the registrar of marriages for the ..... district of Nigeria.

I hereby give you notice that a marriage is intended to be had within three months from the date hereof between me, the undersigned, and the other party herein named.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Condition</i>	<i>Occupation, rank or profession</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Dwelling place of abode</i>	<i>Consent, if any and whom</i>
Bridegroom	Bachelor widower	Farmer, etc. (as case may	23		
Bride	Spinster or widow	Laundress (as case may	18		Father

Witness my hand this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

*Signature*

FORM B  
[Sections 8 and 19.]

*Form of attestation*

Signed by the said : ..... of ..... on the ..... day of ..... 20 ..... this notice having been first read over to him (*her*) (*or read over and truly interpreted to him (her) in the language*) by .....

1. Chapter 95 of the 1908 edition of the Laws of Southern Nigeria.
2. Chapter 47 of the 1910 edition of the Laws of Northern Nigeria.
3. No. 6 of 1913 of Southern Nigeria.

FORM B---continued

He (*she*) seemed to understand the same and made his (*her*) mark thereto in my presence.

*Signed*

FORM C  
[Section 11.]

*Registrar's certificate*

I, ....., registrar of marriages in the ..... district of Nigeria, do hereby certify that on the ..... day of ..... notice was duly entered in the marriage notice book of this district, of the marriage intended between the parties herein named and described, such notice being delivered under the hand of one of the parties, that is to say:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Condition</i>	<i>Occupation, rank or profession</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Consent</i>	<i>Dwelling</i>	<i>Length of residence</i>
A. B.	Bachelor	Boatman (as case may be)	19 (as case may be)	E. F the (as the case may be)		
C.D.	Spinster	(as case may be)	16 (as case may be)	G. H .. the mother (as case may be)		

Date of notice entered .....20 .....

Date of certificate given .....20 .....

No caveat has been entered against the issue of this certificate; or

A caveat was entered against the issue of this certificate on the ..... day of ..... 20 ... , but it has been cancelled

Witness my hand this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

*A.B., Registrar of Marriages, District*

NOTE.-This certificate will be void unless the marriage is solemnised on or before the ..... day of ..... 20 ..... (A.B.)

FORM D  
[Section 13.]

*Special license*

Whereas A. B. and C. D. desire to intermarry, and sufficient cause has been shown to me why the preliminaries required by the Marriage Act should be dispensed with:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act, I do dispense with the giving of notice and the issue of the certificate thereby prescribed, and do hereby authorise any registrar of marriages, or recognised minister of some religious denomination or body, to celebrate marriage between the said A. B. and C. D., at (place of celebration), between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and within .....days from the date hereof.

Given under my hand, this .....day of ..... ..20 .....

(Signed) .....

*Minister*

FORM E  
[Sections 24 and 25.]

Marriages celebrated in the ..... at ..... in Nigeria

*Certificate of marriage*

No. Date 20	No.	When married	Names and surnames	Full name of minor	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at time of marriage	Father's name and surname	Occupation, rank or profession of father
Name husband									
Name wife									
Witness									

Married at .....by (or before) me, A. B., minister (or registrar as the case may be).

This marriage was celebrated between us A.B., C.D. In the presence of us E.F., G.H.

*Witnesses*

FORM F

<i>When married</i>	<i>Names surnames</i>	<i>Whether age or minor</i>	<i>Condition</i>	<i>Occupatio</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Father's name and occupation</i>
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Entered this ..... day of .....20 .. ,  
at the district registry of marriages at .....

(Signed) A.B .....

*Registrar*

SECOND SCHEDULE  
[section 41.]

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Filing every notice and entering same .....	0.50
On issue of each certificate, or certified copy thereof .....	0.20
Certifying any extract .....	0.20
On every marriage in registrar's office .....	0.50
Special license .....	10.50

MARRIAGE ACT

**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

*List of Subsidiary Legislation*

1. Places for Celebration of Marriages (Delegation of Licensing Powers) Order.
2. Marriage (Appointment of Principal Registrar, Registrars, etc.) Notice.
3. Marriage (Designation of Districts) Order.
4. Marriage (Location of Marriage Offices) Directions.
5. Marriage Act (Delegation of Powers) Notice.

**PLACES FOR CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES (DELEGATION OF LICENSING POWERS) ORDER**

[L.N. 105 of 1967.]

under section 6

[7th March, 1967]

[Commencement.]

**1. Delegation of function as licensing authority in respect of places for the celebration of marriages**

The function heretofore vested in the National Council of Ministers and now devolving on the Minister by operation of law in respect, *inter alia*, of the licensing of places of public worship for the celebration of marriages under section 6 of the Marriage Act shall be and is hereby delegated to the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs with effect as hereinafter appears, so however that the Permanent Secretary afore-said shall have regard and give effect to any directions, given generally or specially by the Minister; and notwithstanding the delegation aforesaid the Minister may, if he thinks fit, himself exercise the function.

[Cap. M6.]

**2. Short title**

This order may be cited as the Places for Celebration of Marriages (Delegation of Licensing Powers) Order.

**MARRIAGE (APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR, REGISTRARS, ETC.) NOTICE**

[L.N. 72 of 1971.]

under section 4

[11th August, 1971]

[Commencement.]

**1. Appointment of Principal Registrar of Marriages, etc.**

[Cap. M6.]

For the purpose of the Marriage Act-

[Cap. M6.]

- (a) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, is hereby appointed the Principal Registrar of Marriages;
- (b) the Senior Assistant Secretary on the staff of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, is hereby appointed the Registrar of Marriages for the marriage district of Lagos; and

- (c) the executive officer in charge of the marriage registry, on the staff of the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, is hereby appointed the Deputy Registrar of Marriages for the marriage district of Lagos.

## 2. Appointment of registrars of marriages and their deputies

For the purposes of the Marriage Act-

- (a) the officers mentioned in the second column of the First Schedule hereto are hereby severally appointed registrars of marriages for the marriage districts mentioned in the first column; and  
[First Schedule.]
- (b) the officers mentioned in the third column of the said First Schedule (or, where no officers are specified, the officers next in rank to the officer mentioned in the second column) are hereby severally appointed Deputy Registrars of Marriages for the marriage district mentioned in the first column to act in the absence or during the illness or incapacity of the registrar of marriages.

## 3. Short title and cancellation

(1) This notice may be cited as the Marriage (Appointment of Principal Registrar, Registrars, etc.) Notice.

(2) The enactments mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### *Registrars and deputy registrars of marriages \**

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
LAGOS STATE		
Ikeja	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Badagry	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Epe	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ikorodu	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
WESTERN STATE		
	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Egba	[L.N. 63 of 1973.]	Assistant Divisional Officer
Egbado	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Akoko	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Akure	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ekiti Central	The Divisional Officer	Assistant Divisional Officer
	The Divisional Officer	Assistant Divisional Officer
	The Divisional Officer	Assistant Divisional Officer

FIRST SCHEDULE-continued

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
<i>WESTERN STATE--continued</i>		
Ekiti North	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ekiti South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ekiti West	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ijebu	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ijebu Remo	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ibadan City Area	The Divisional Officer	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ibadan Division	The Divisional Officer	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ibarapa	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ife	The Divisional Officer	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ijesha North	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ijesha South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Okitipupa	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Ondo	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun Central	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun North-East	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun North-West	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oshun South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Owo Division	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oyo North	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer
Oyo South	The Divisional Officer	The Higher Executive Officer

\* The creation of Marriage Districts in this Schedule is based on the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967.

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
<i>MID- WESTERN STATE</i>		
Benin West Division and Benin City Urban	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Benin East	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Ishan Division	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Etsako	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Owan	The Divisional Officer	
Akoko Edo	The Divisional Officer	

FIRST SCHEDULE-continued

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
MID- WESTERN STATE---continued		
Aboh	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Asaba	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Ika	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Urhobo and Sapele Urban	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Isoko	The Divisional Officer	
Warri	Senior/Divisional Officer	
Western Ijaw	Senior/Divisional Officer	
EAST-CENTRAL STATE		
Aba Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ngwa	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ukwa	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ishielu	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Afikpo	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nijkoka	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Aguata	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Isiuzo	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Igbo-Eze	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nkanu	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Okigwi	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Etiti	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Mbano	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Onitsha Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Anambra	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Idemili	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nnewi	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Ihiala	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nsukka Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Nkwerre	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Mgbidi	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Owerri Urban	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	

## FIRST SCHEDULE----continued

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
EAST-CENTRAL STATE-continued		
Mbaise	The Administrative Officer i/c of the area	
Mbaitoli/Ikeduru	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Oguta	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Umuahia Urban	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Arochukwu	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Bende	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Ohafia	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Enugu Urban	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Abakaliki Urban	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Awgu	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Udi	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Ezzikwo	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
Ogbaru	The Administrative Officer <i>ilc</i> of the area	
RIVERS STATE		
Ahoada	The Divisional Officer	
Brass	The Divisional Officer	
Degema	The Divisional Officer	
Ogoni	The Divisional Officer	
Port Harcourt	Principal Assistant Secretary Ministry of Information and Home Affairs	
SOUTH-EASTERN STATE		
Abak	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Akampa	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Calabar	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Eket	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Etinan	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ikom	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ikot-Ekpene	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Itu	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer

Obubra	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Obudu	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Ogoja	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Opobo	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Oron	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer
Uyo	Administrative Officer-in-Charge	Assistant Divisional Officer

#### KANOSTATE

Kano	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs
Hadejia	The Administrative Officer
Kazaure	The Administrative Officer
Kano Metropolitan Area	The Administrative Officer
Kano North-Central	The Administrative Officer
Kano South-West	The Administrative Officer
Kano South-East	The Administrative Officer
Kano West	The Administrative Officer

#### NORTH-CENTRAL STATE

Capital Territory of Kaduna	The Administrator of Kaduna	Assistant Administrator No. 1
Zaria Division	The Provincial Secretary	The District Officer
Katsina Province	The Provincial Secretary	The District Officer
Jema'a	The Provincial Secretary	The officer performing the duties of the Divisional Officer of the Divisional Officer-in-Charge -in-Charge of Jema'a Division

#### NORTH-WESTERN STATE

Sokoto	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer (Head-quarters)
Argungu	The Divisional Officer The Divisional Officer	The Assistant Divisional Officer Gwandu The Assistant Divisional Officer
Minna	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer
Bida	The Divisional Officer	The Assistant Divisional Officer
Kontagora	The Divisional Officer	The Assistant Divisional Officer

FIRST SCHEDULE-continued

*Marriage Districts  
of Marriages*

*Registrars of Marriages*

*Deputy Registrars*

NORTH-EASTERN STATE

Adamawa	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer – Numan The Divisional Officer - Jalingo
Bauchi	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer – Azare The Divisional Officer - Gombe
Bornu	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer - Nguru The Divisional Officer - Biu The Divisional Officer - Barna The Divisional Officer -Potiskum
Sardauna	The Provincial Secretary	The Divisional Officer - Ganye The Divisional Officer - Gembu

KWARA STATE

Borin	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer - Borin
Borgu	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Division Officer - Borgu
Lafiagi/Pategi	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer – Lafiagi/Pategi
IgbominalEkiti	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer - IgbominalEkiti
Oyun	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, Oyun
Bacita	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Local Authority, Bacita
New Bussa	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, New Bussa The Local Authority, New Bussa
Kabba	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, Kabba
Igbirra	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, Igbirra
Dekina	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, Dekina
Ankpa	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, Ankpa

FIRST SCHEDULE-continued

<i>Marriage Districts</i>	<i>Registrars of Marriages</i>	<i>Deputy Registrars of Marriages</i>
KW ARA STATE - continued		
Idah	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, Idah
Kogi	The Permanent Secretary responsible for Home Affairs	The Divisional Officer, Kogi
BENUE-PLATEAU STATE		
10s	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Pankshin	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Lowland	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Akwanga	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Nasarawa	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Lafia	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Tiv	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Idoma	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk
Wukari	The Divisional Officer	The Divisional Clerk

SECOND SCHEDULE

*Enactments revoked*

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Citation</i>
1.	Appointments and Directions under sections 4 and 5 of the Marriage Act.....	Vol. VIII pages 535 et seq. Laws of Nigeria 1948
2.	Marriage (Appointment of Registrar) (Ibadan Division) Notice 1961 .....	L.N. 16 of 1961
3.	Marriage (Appointment of Principal Registrar, Registrar etc.) Notice 1961 .....	L.N. 18 of 1961

# MARRIAGE (DESIGNATION OF DISTRICTS) ORDER

under section 3

[11th August, 1971]

[ Commencement.]

## 1. Division of Nigeria into marriage districts

For the purposes of the Marriage Act, Nigeria is hereby divided into the marriage districts specified in the First Schedule to this order.

[Cap. M6. L.N. 1973.]

## 2. Short title and revocations

(1) This order may be cited as the Marriage (Designation of Districts) Order.

(2) The orders set out in the Second Schedule to this order are hereby revoked.

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### *Marriage Districts*

#### LAGOS STATE

Lagos  
Ikea  
Badagry  
Epe  
Ikorodu

#### WESTERN STATE-continued

Ijesha South  
Okitipupa  
Ondo  
Oshun Central  
Oshun North-East  
Oshun North-West  
Oshun South  
Owo Division  
Oyo North  
Oyo South

#### WESTERN STATE

Egba  
Egbado  
Akoko  
Akure  
Ekiti Central  
Ekiti North  
Ekiti South  
Ekiti West  
Ijebu  
Ijebu Remo  
Ibadan City Area  
Ibadan Division  
Ibarapa  
Ife  
Ijesha North

#### MID-WESTERN STATE

Benin West Division and Benin City Urban  
Benin East  
Ishan Division  
Etsako  
Owan  
Akoko-Edo  
Aboh  
Asaba  
Ika  
Urhobo and Sapele Urban

### FIRST SCHEDULE-continued

#### MID-WESTERN STATE-continued

Isoko  
Warri

Western Ijaw

#### EAST-CENTRAL STATE

Abakaliki Urban  
Awgu  
Udi  
Ezikwo  
  
Aba Urban  
Ngwa  
Ukwa  
Ishielu  
Afikpo  
Nijkoka  
Aguata  
Isiuzo  
Nkanu  
Okigwi  
Etiti  
Mbanjo  
Onitsha Urban  
Anambra  
Idemili  
Nnewi  
Ihiala  
Nsukka Urban  
Nkwere  
Mgbidi  
Owerri Urban  
Mbaise  
Mbaitolillkeduru

EAST-CENTRAL STATE-continued

Oguta  
Umuahia Urban  
Arochukwu  
Bende  
Ohafia  
Enugu Urban  
Igbo-Eze  
Ogbaru

KANOSTATE

Kano  
Hadejia  
Gumel  
Kazaure  
Kano Metropolitan Area  
Kano North-Central  
Kano South-West  
Kano South-East  
Kano West

RIVERS STATE

Ahoada  
Brass  
Degema  
Ogoni  
Port Harcourt

KADUNA

Capital Territory of Kaduna  
Zaria Division  
Katsina  
Jerna'a

FIRST SCHEDULE-continued

SOUTH-EASTERN STATE

Abak

Akampa

Calabar

Eket	KWARASTATE
Etinam	Ilorin
Ikom	Igbirra
Ikot Ekpene	Oyun
Itu	Borgu
Obubra	Lafiagi/Pategi
Obudu	Idah
Ogoja	Kogi
Opobo	Dekina
Oron	Ankpa
Uyo	Kabba
	Igbomina/Ekiti

SOKOTO STATE

Sokoto
Argungu
Gwandu
Minna
Bida
Kontagora

BENUE-PLATEAU STATES

10s
Pankshin
Lowland
Akwanga
Nasarawa
Lafia
Tiv
Idoma
Wukari

BAUCHI AND BORNO STATES

Adamawa
Bauchi
Bornu
Sardauna

SECOND SCHEDULE

*Orders revoked*

<i>Title</i>	<i>Citation</i>
I. Order under section 3 of the Marriage Act .....	Vol. VIII Page 534, Laws of Nigeria 1948
2. Marriage (Appointment of District of Lagos) Order 1957 .....	L.N. 41 of 1957 - Vol. IX page 1392. Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1958

# MARRIAGE (LOCATION OF MARRIAGE OFFICES) DIRECTIONS

[S.1. 74 of 1971.]

under section 5

[11th August, 1971]

[Commencement.]

## 1. Marriage offices

The marriage office in respect of each marriage district mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall be the office specified in relation thereto in the second column of the said Schedule.

## 2. Short title

This instrument may be cited as the Marriage (Location of Marriage Offices) Directions.

### SCHEDULE [L.N. 2 of 1973.]

#### *Marriage offices*

<i>Marriage District (Based on pre-1967 position)</i>	<i>Marriage Office</i>
Lagos	Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs, Alagbon Close, Ikoyi
Badagry	Divisional Office, Badagry
Ikeja	Divisional Office, Ikeja
Epe	Divisional Office, Epe
Ikorodu	Divisional Office, Ikorodu

### SCHEDULE-continued

<i>Marriage District (Based on pre-1967 position)</i>	
WESTERN STATE	Ijebu Remo
Egba	Ibadan City Area
Egbado	Ibadan Division
Akoko	Ibarapa
Akure	Ife
Ekiti Central	Ijebu
Ekiti North	Ijesha North
Ekiti South	Ijesha South
Ekiti West	Okitipupa Ondo

*Marriage Office*

Oshun Central

Oshun North East

Oshun North West

Owo Division

Oyo Division

Oyo North

Oyo South

Divisional Office

Divisional Office

Divisional Office

Divisional Office

Divisional Office

Divisional Office

MID-WESTERN STATE

Divisional Office

Benin West Division and Benin City Senior Divisional Office  
Urban

Benin East

Senior Divisional Office

Ishan Division

Senior Divisional Office

Etsako

Senior Divisional Office

*SCHEDULE-continued*

*Marriage District  
(Based on pre-1967 position)*

M 10- WESTERN STATE-continued

Owan

Asaba

Akoko Edo

Ika

Aboh

Urhobo and Sapeie Urban

Isoko



Ogbaru	Divisional Headquarters
Oguta	Divisional Headquarters
Umuahia Urban	Divisional Headquarters
Arochuku	Divisional Headquarters
Bende	Divisional Headquarters
Ohafia	Divisional Headquarters
Enugu Urban	Divisional Headquarters
Abakaliki Urban	Divisional Headquarters
Awgu	Divisional Headquarters
Udi	Divisional Headquarters
Ezzikwo	Divisional Headquarters
Nsukka Urban	Divisional Headquarters
	Divisional Headquarters
RIVERS STATE	Divisional Headquarters
Ahoada	
Brass	
Degema	Divisional Office
Ogoni	Divisional Office
Port Harcourt	Divisional Office
	Divisional Office
SOUTH-EASTERN STATE	Ministry of Information and Home Affairs
Abak	
Akampa	
Calabar	Divisional Office
Eket	Divisional Office
Etinan	Divisional Office
Ikom	Divisional Office
	Divisional Office
	Divisional Office

*SCHEDULE-continued*

*Marriage District  
(Based on pre-/967 position)*

*Marriage Office*

*SOUTH-EASTERN STATE-continued*

Ikot Ekpene	Obudu
Itu	Ogoja
Obubra	

Opobo	Divisional Office
Oron	Divisional Office
Uyo	Divisional Office
	Divisional Office
KANO STATE	Divisional Office
Kano	Divisional Office
Hadejia	Divisional Office
Gumel	Divisional Office
Kazaure	
Kano Metropolitan Area	Ministry of Home Affairs
Kano North-Central	Divisional Office
Kano South-West	Divisional Office
Kano South-East	Divisional Office
Kano West	Divisional Office
	Divisional Office
NORTH-CENTRAL STATE	Divisional Office
Capital Territory of Kaduna	Divisional Office
Zaria Division	Divisional Office
Katsina	Divisional Office
Jema'a	
	Office of Administrator No. I
NORTH-EASTERN STATE	Provincial Office
Adamawa	Jema'a Provincial Office
	Provincial Office
	Provincial Office, Adamawa
	Division Office, Numan

*SCHEDULE-continued*

*Marriage District  
(Based on pre-1967 position)*

*Marriage Office*

*NORTH-EASTERN STATE-continued*

Bauchi

Bornu

Sardauna

KWARA STATE	Division Office, Jalingo
Ilorin	Provincial Office, Bauchi
	Divisional Office, Azare
	Divisional Office, Gornbe
Borgu	Provincial Office, Bornu
Lafiagi/Pategi	Divisional Office, Nguru
	Divisional Office, Biu
Igboirina/Ekiti	Divisional Office, Barna
Oyun	Divisional Office, Potiskum
Kabba	Provincial Office, Sardauna
Kogi	Divisional Office, Ganye
	Divisional Office, Gernbu
Idah	
Ankpa	
Dekina	Divisional Office, Ilorin
New Bussa	Divisional Office, New Bussa
	Divisional Office, Lafiagi
Igbirra	Divisional Office, Ornu-Aran
Bacita	Divisional Office, Offa
	Divisional Office, Kabba
NORTH- WESTERN STATE	Divisional Office, Lokoja
Sokoto	Divisional Office, Idah
Argungu	Divisional Office, Ankpa
Gwandu	Divisional Office, Dekina
Minna	Local Authority Office, New Bussa
	Divisional Office, Okene
	Local Authority Office, Bacita
	Provincial Office
	Divisional Office
	Divisional Office
	Provincial Office

*SCHEDULE-continued*

*Marriage District  
(Based on pre-/967 position)*

*Marriage Office*

NORTH- WESTERN STATE-continued

Bida	J
Kontagora	o
	s
BENUE-PLATEAU STATE	P

ankshin	Divisional Office
Lowland	Divisional Office
Akwanga	
Nasarawa	
Lafia	Divisional Office
Tiv	Divisional Office
Idoma	Divisional Office
Wukari	Divisional Office
	Divisional Office

**MARRIAGE ACT (DELEGATION OF POWERS) NOTICE**

[L.N. of 1973]

under section 3 (1)

*[29th June, 1973]*

[Commencement.]

**1. Delegation of powers to issue licenses under section 13 of the Marriage Act**

[Cap. M6.]

The power conferred on the Minister to grant a license to marry by section 13 of the Marriage Act is hereby delegated to and may be exercised by any of the following officers, that is to say-

- (a) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- (b) the Permanent Secretary of any State Ministry which has been charged with the responsibility for marriage in the state concerned; or

[L.N. 44 of 1973.]







*SCHEDULE-continued*

*Marriage District*  
*(Based on pre-1967 position)*

*Marriage Office*

*NORTH-EASTERN STATE-continued*

Bauchi

Bornu

Sardauna

KWARA STATE

Ilorin

Borgu

Lafiagi/Pategi

Igbornina/Ekiti

Oyun

Kabba

Kogi

Idah

Ankpa

Dekina

New Bussa

Igbirra

Bacita

NORTH- WESTERN STATE

Sokoto

Argungu

Gwandu

Minna

Division Office, Jalingo  
Provincial Office, Bauchi  
Divisional Office, Azare  
Divisional Office, Gornbe

Provincial Office, Bornu  
Divisional Office, Nguru  
Divisional Office, Biu  
Divisional Office, Barna  
Divisional Office, Potiskurn

Provincial Office, Sardauna  
Divisional Office, Ganye  
Divisional Office, Gernbu

Divisional Office, Ilorin  
Divisional Office, New Bussa  
Divisional Office, Lafiagi  
Divisional Office, Ornu-Aran  
Divisional Office, Offa  
Divisional Office, Kabba  
Divisional Office, Lokoja  
Divisional Office, Idah  
Divisional Office, Ankpa  
Divisional Office, Dekina  
Local Authority Office, New Bussa  
Divisional Office, Okene  
Local Authority Office, Bacita

Provincial Office  
Divisional Office  
Divisional Office  
Provincial Office

*SCHEDULE-continued*

*Marriage District  
(Based on pre-1967 position)*

*Marriage Office*

*NORTH- WESTERN ST ATE-continued*

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BENUE-PLATEAU STATE	r
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Pankshin	
Lowland	
Akwanga	
Nasarawa	
Lafia	
Tiv	
Idoma	

Divisional Office

DivisionalOffice

Divisional Office

Divisional Office

## **MARRIAGE ACT (DELEGATION OF POWERS) NOTICE**

[L.N. of 1973]

under section 3 (1)

[29th June, 1973]

[Commencement.]

### **1. Delegation of powers to issue licenses under section 13 of the Marriage Act**

[Cap. M6.]

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so however that nothing in this delegation shall prevent the exercise by the Minister himself of the power hereby delegated.

### **2. Short title**

This notice may be cited as the Marriage Act (Delegation of Powers) Notice.