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Introduction

Welcome to the 11th edition of the newsletter for members of the clergy.

In this issue, you will find an update to issue 10 which provided information about the introduction and background to the forthcoming changes to marriage registration resulting from the Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration etc.) Act 2019.

This newsletter will provide details of the training, support and reference materials available to prepare and guide you through the new processes, which will be introduced on 4 May 2021.

The Training and Business Improvement Team, General Register Office

What training materials will be available and when?

Digital presentations

There are several presentations available in digital format which provide a step by step explanation to guide you through the changes and new processes.

The presentations include:

- An overview of the changes to marriage registration
- Information about how you will prepare for the changes
- Details of what a marriage document looks like and how to obtain one.
- Guidance on how to complete a marriage document.
- A process to reconcile the marriages you perform with the registrations completed.

All the presentations will be available to access with and without a voice over.

Frequently Asked Questions

There will be a reference document providing answers to frequently asked questions which will support the other training materials.

Question and answer session

A 'live' question and answer session with representatives from GRO will take place prior to the implementation of the changes. This will take place via an agreed digital platform. Further information will be made available in due course.

How can the training materials be accessed?

The training materials will be hosted on the Local Registration Service Association (LRSA) website www.lrsa.org.uk in a secure training area.

A user name and password to access the secure part of the site will be sent to you via your usual Church communication channel.

When will the training materials be available?

The digital presentations are available on the website now. Further information, including the frequently asked questions, will be added over the coming days and weeks.

What happens next?

You will receive an email with a username and password and details of the question and answer sessions from your Church representative.

The Guidebook for the Clergy

Will be updated to reflect the changes as a result of the implementation of the Civil Partnerships, marriages and Deaths (Registration etc) Act 2019.

Once finalised the updated version will be uploaded on to the usual page on GOV.UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-the-clergy>