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*(assented to: 13 February 2024)*  
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**AN ORDINANCE**

To amend the Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 43).

ENACTED by the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

**1. Title**

This Ordinance is the Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024.

**2. Commencement**

This Ordinance comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

**3. Amendment of Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)**

This Ordinance amends the Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43) in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

**4. Section 2 amended (interpretation)**

In section 2 delete the definition of ““Minor” or “Infant””.

**5. Section 11 replaced (consents required to marriage of minors)**

Replace section 11 with —

**“11. Marriage - minimum age**

No marriage may be solemnised by a registrar or a minister of religion under this Ordinance between persons either of whom is under the age of 18 years.”.

**6. Section 14 repealed (forbidding marriages)**

Section 14 is repealed.

**7. Section 17 amended (certificates)**

Replace “the husband” with “the parties to the marriage”.

**8. Section 25 replaced (fees)**

Replace section 25 with —


**“25. Fees**

The Commissioner may by notice in the *Gazette* require payment of a fee for a service provided under this Ordinance of an amount specified in the notice.”.

**9. Minor amendments**

(1) In the First Schedule —

(a) replace Form 1 (Notice of Marriage) with —

<i>Registrar General for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands</i>						Form 1
No: /20						<i>Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)</i>
						
<b>NOTICE OF MARRIAGE</b>						
<u>Name &amp; Surname</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Marital status</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>	<u>Period of Residence</u>	<u>Date, Time &amp; Place of intended Marriage</u>
<p>AND</p> <p>I believe that there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage;</p> <p>and</p> <p>In respect of myself I am eighteen years of age or over</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In respect of the said:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">They are eighteen years of age or over;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">And I further declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the declarations which I have made above and the particulars relating to the persons to be married are true.</p>						
<p><b>Signature:</b></p> <p><b>Signed and declared to before me by</b> (must be Magistrate, Registrar, Justice of the Peace, British consular official or Notary Public):</p> <p>This      day of                      20      , at</p> <p>I certify that the above declaration was duly received by me on the      day of                      20      . <b>Signed:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Registrar General for South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands</b></p>						



*Sections 1 to 3* provide for preliminary matters. The amendments commence on publication in the *Gazette*.

*Section 4* amends section 2 of the Ordinance by deleting the definition of ““Minor” or “Infant””. A minor or infant is defined as a person who is under 21 years and consent is required under the Ordinance before they marry.

*Section 5* replaces section 11 of the Ordinance and the new section provides that a marriage where one of the parties is below 18 years of age is void. A minimum age for marriage is therefore set at 18 years.

*Section 6* repeals section 14 of the Ordinance which allows persons whose consent to a marriage is required to forbid the marriage.

*Section 7* amends section 17 so as to remove some discriminatory language which requires a marriage certificate to be handed to the husband. The change provides for the certificate to be handed to the parties to the marriage.

*Section 8* replaces section 25 of the Ordinance (which provides for the payment of fees specified in the Ordinance) with a provision that allows the Commissioner to set fees by notice in the *Gazette* for services provided under the Ordinance. The notice must specify the service and the fee.

*Section 9* effects amendments to the forms in the First Schedule and deletes the Second and Third Schedules. The forms in the First Schedule are revised in line with the removal of consent requirements. The Third Schedule is deleted because under the new section 25, fees will be set by notice in the *Gazette*.