

Annex A

Schedule 1

Requirements for the grant of approval of premises that are not religious premises

1. Having regard to their primary use, situation, construction and state of repair, the built premises must, in the opinion of the authority, be a seemly and dignified venue for the proceedings.
2. The built premises must be regularly available to the public for use for—
 - (a) the solemnization of marriages; or
 - (b) the formation of civil partnerships.
3. The built premises must have the benefit of such fire precautions as may reasonably be required by the authority, having consulted with the fire and rescue authority, and such other reasonable provision for the health and safety of persons employed in or visiting the built premises as the authority considers appropriate.
4. The premises must not be—
 - (a) religious premises;
 - (b) premises where the built premises are a register office (1), but this paragraph does not apply to premises where a register office is situated in the built premises, provided that the room which is subject to approval is not the same room as the room which is the register office.
5. The room or rooms in which the proceedings are to take place in the built premises if approval is granted must be identifiable by description as a distinct part of the built premises.

(1) For the meaning of “register office” see the 2004 Act, section 6(3C). Section 6(3C) was inserted into the 2004 Act by paragraph 2(2) of the Schedule to the Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order (S.I. 2005/2000)