

PART - I

**DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,
PUNJAB**

NOTIFICATION

The 4th January, 2013

No. 1-Leg./2013.-The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the Governor of Punjab on the 4th January, 2013, is hereby published for general information :-

**THE PUNJAB COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF
MARRIAGES ACT, 2012**

(Punjab Act No. 1 of 2013)

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to provide for the compulsory registration of marriages solemnized under any law governing the parties irrespective of their religion, caste, creed or nationality and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Be it enacted by the Lagislature of the State of Punjab in the Sixty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act, 2012.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date, as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint in this behalf.

2. In this Act, Unless the context otherwise required,-

Definitions.

(a) "Chief Registrar of Marriages" means the Chief Registrar of Marriages, appointed as such by the State Government under Section 9;

(b) "District Registrar of Marriages" means the District Registrar of Marriages, appointed as such by the State Government for a District under section 10 ;

(c) "foreign national" means any person who is not a citizen of India and shall include Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI);

(d) "marriage" means and includes a marriage, solemnized in the State

of Punjab under any of the following Act, customs or laws, namely:-

- (i) the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872; (15 of 1872);
 - (ii) the Anand Marriage Act, 1909 (7 of 1909);
 - (iii) the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937 (26 of 1937);
 - (iv) the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (25 of 1955); or
 - (v) any other custom or personal law relating to marriages;
- (e) "marriage register" means a register of marriages maintained under this Act;
- (f) "Municipality" means an institution of self-government constituted under article 243Q of the Constitution of India;
- (g) "Non-resident Indian" (NRI) means a person of Indian origin, who is either permanently or temporarily settled outside India for any of the following purposes,-
- (i) for or on taking up employment outside India; or
 - (ii) for carrying on a business or vocation outside India; or
 - (iii) for any other purpose, as would indicate his/her intention in such circumstances to stay outside the territorial limits of India for an uncertain or determined period for fulfilling or completing such purpose;
- (h) "Panchayat" means an institution (by whatever name called) of self government for the rural areas constituted under article 243B of the Constitution of India;
- (i) "prescribed" means prescribed by the rules made under this Act;
- (j) "Priest" means any person performing religious rites of any religion and who has solemnized the marriage, sought to be registered;
- (k) "Registrar of Marriages" means a Registrar of Marriages appointed as such by the State Government under section 11; and
- (l) "State Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab.
3. On or after the commencement of this Act, every marriage,-
- (i) between the parties, who are Indian nationals; or

Every marriage to be registered.

