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**WOMEN'S CHARTER
(CHAPTER 353)**

**WOMEN'S CHARTER (REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2016**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 180(1) of the Women's Charter, the Minister for Social and Family Development makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2016 and come into operation on 1 October 2016.

Amendment of rule 1A

2. Rule 1A of the Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules (R 3) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) For the purposes of section 17A(1) of the Act, the class of persons who must attend a marriage preparation programme consists of every party to an intended marriage where —

- (a) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore;
- (b) at least one of the parties to the intended marriage is below the age of 21 years; and
- (c) neither party to the intended marriage suffers from any illness or disability specified in paragraph (2).”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 1B

3. Rule 1B of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Marriage preparation programme

1B.—(1) In sections 17A and 21 of the Act, “marriage preparation programme” means a programme or course which —

- (a) is organised by an organisation approved by a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family Development appointed under paragraph (2);
- (b) seeks to help persons intending to get married to understand and prepare for the issues commonly arising in a marriage; and
- (c) is conducted by a person who —
 - (i) has experience in dealing with issues commonly arising in a marriage; or
 - (ii) is trained to conduct such a programme or course.

(2) The Minister may appoint a Director of the Ministry of Social and Family Development to approve any organisation authorised to organise a programme or course mentioned in paragraph (1).”.

Amendment of Schedule

4. The Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting Form A and substituting the following Form: