



PROHIBITION OF ALL FORMS OF MARRIAGES IN UNLICENSED CHURCHES

Uganda's Marriage Act, Cap 251 prohibits the solemnization of any marriage in an unlicensed Church. Every Church intending to celebrate a marriage should be duly licensed by the Honorable Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

A marriage which is knowingly celebrated in an unlicensed Church is not recognized by the law, and any person found performing or witnessing such a marriage ceremony commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years.

As the Government Agency responsible for administering all Marriage Laws in Uganda, Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) hereby cautions all Churches that are conducting fictitious marriages before they have been duly licensed, to desist from doing so immediately. Failure to comply with this notice shall give rise to criminal liability.

By this notice, the public is called upon to be vigilant in ensuring that all marriages are celebrated in a licensed place of worship.

Detailed information on all licensed Churches in Uganda can be accessed on our website on www.ursb.go.ug or at any of our offices countrywide.

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