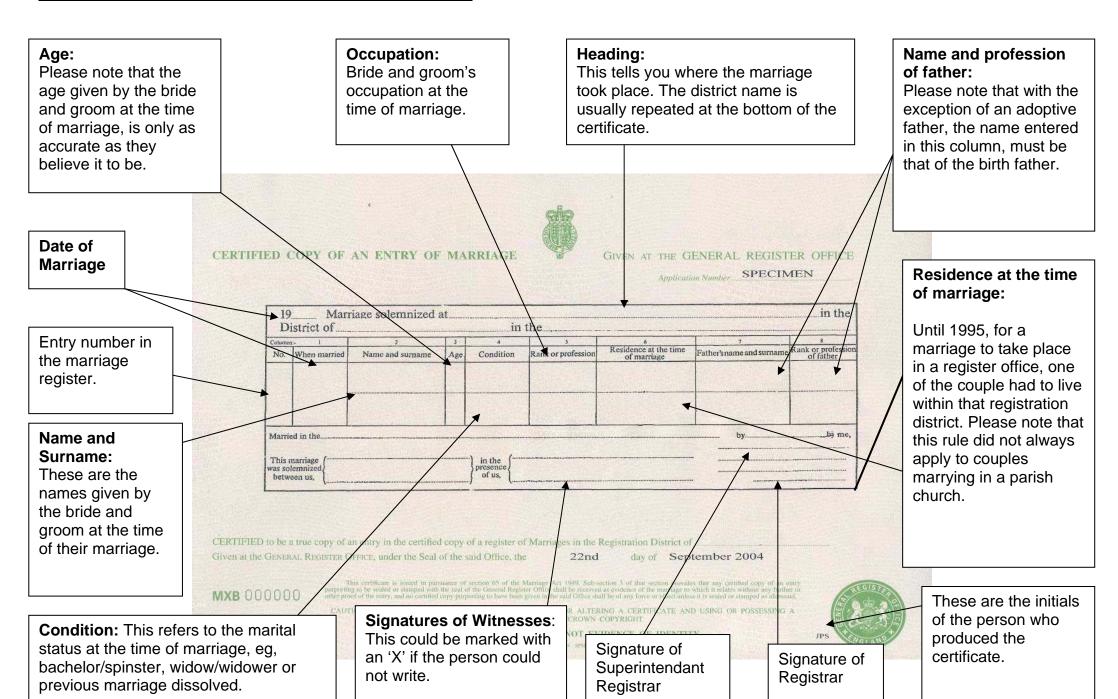
Marriage Certificate Help Sheet



Column 1: When married

date of marriage

Column 2: Name and surname

names given by the bride and groom at the time of their marriage

Column 3: Age

- the age given by the bride and groom at the time of marriage, is only as accurate as they believe it to be
- the ages can be useful when calculating a year of birth. 'Full' may be recorded as the age and this indicates that the age was 21 or over

Column 4: Condition

 marital status at the time of marriage, e.g. bachelor/spinster, widow/widower or previous marriage dissolved

Column 5: Rank or profession

 bride and groom's occupation at the time of marriage, or last known occupation. Sometimes the bride has no occupation stated

Column 6: Residence at the time of marriage

 until 1995, for a marriage to take place in a register office, one of the couple had to live within that registration district. Couples marrying in a parish church needed to live in the parish in which they were marrying

Column 7: Father's name and surname

- this information assists when tracing birth entries of the bride/groom
- if a line is drawn through this column it indicates that this information was not given at the time of the marriage

Column 8: Rank or profession of father

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