

**Nationality Instructions**  
**Procedural section**

**Office for National Statistics (previously known as the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys)**

1. The ONS at Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Road, Birkdale, Southport deal, amongst other things, with matters relating to marriages and the registration of births and deaths. The Public Search Room, as well as the census records of the Public Records Office, are located at Myddleton Place, Myddleton Street, London EC1.
2. The ONS would like to be informed of all cases where it is believed that perjury or bigamy may have been committed in contracting a marriage. All such cases should be referred (together with the original a photocopy of the marriage etc certificates) to INPD(L) Policy Section (EOP2) who will then consult the ONS. Although the ONS may be unable to take any action unless there is good evidence to substantiate the belief, if they confirm that the matter has been referred to the police, caseworkers may then contact the relevant Force to see whether any charges are to be brought.
3. Caseworkers should note that requests for general advice about marriage/civil partnership law should be made, in the first instance, to NPSCU Policy Section.