



# Civil Partnership Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 33

### PART 5

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP FORMED OR DISSOLVED ABROAD ETC.

### CHAPTER 3

DISSOLUTION ETC.: JURISDICTION AND RECOGNITION

#### *Jurisdiction of courts in Northern Ireland*

#### **232 Applications for declarations as to validity etc.**

The court has jurisdiction to entertain an application under section 181 if (and only if)—

- (a) either of the civil partners in the civil partnership to which the application relates—
  - (i) is domiciled in Northern Ireland on the date of the application,
  - (ii) has been habitually resident in Northern Ireland throughout the period of 1 year ending with that date, or
  - (iii) died before that date and either was at death domiciled in Northern Ireland or had been habitually resident in Northern Ireland throughout the period of 1 year ending with the date of death, or
- (b) the two people concerned registered as civil partners of each other in Northern Ireland and it appears to the court to be in the interests of justice to assume jurisdiction in the case.

**Changes to legislation:**

Civil Partnership Act 2004, Section 232 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date.

Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(10) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)