



# Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013

## 2013 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### MARRIAGE OF SAME SEX COUPLES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

##### *Effect of extension of marriage*

#### **11 Effect of extension of marriage**

- (1) In the law of England and Wales, marriage has the same effect in relation to same sex couples as it has in relation to opposite sex couples.
- (2) The law of England and Wales (including all England and Wales legislation whenever passed or made) has effect in accordance with subsection (1).
- (3) Schedule 3 (interpretation of legislation) has effect.
- (4) Schedule 4 (effect of extension of marriage: further provision) has effect.
- (5) For provision about limitations on the effects of subsections (1) and (2) and Schedule 3, see Part 7 of Schedule 4.
- (6) Subsections (1) and (2) and Schedule 3 do not have any effect in relation to—
  - (a) Measures and Canons of the Church of England (whenever passed or made),
  - (b) subordinate legislation (whenever made) made under a Measure or Canon of the Church of England, or
  - (c) other ecclesiastical law (whether or not contained in England and Wales legislation, and, if contained in England and Wales legislation, whenever passed or made).
- (7) In Schedules 3 and 4—

“existing England and Wales legislation” means—

  - (a) in the case of England and Wales legislation that is primary legislation, legislation passed before the end of the Session in which this Act is passed (excluding this Act), or

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- (b) in the case of England and Wales legislation that is subordinate legislation, legislation made on or before the day on which this Act is passed (excluding legislation made under this Act);  
“new England and Wales legislation” means—
- (a) in the case of England and Wales legislation that is primary legislation, legislation passed after the end of the Session in which this Act is passed,  
or
- (b) in the case of England and Wales legislation that is subordinate legislation, legislation made after the day on which this Act is passed.