
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

PART 5

Amendments: Gender Recognition

Definitions of protected relationships

47.—(1) Section 25(1) (interpretation), as it extends to England and Wales, is amended as follows—

- (a) in the definition of “protected civil partnership”, in paragraph (a), after “England and Wales” insert “or under the law of Northern Ireland”, and
- (b) in the definition of “protected marriage”, in paragraph (a), after “England and Wales” insert “or under the law of Northern Ireland”.

(2) Section 25, as it extends to Northern Ireland, is amended as follows—

- (a) in the definition of “protected civil partnership”, for the words from “means” to the end substitute—

“means—

- (a) a civil partnership under the law of England and Wales or under the law of Northern Ireland, or
- (b) an overseas relationship that is treated as a civil partnership by virtue of Chapter 2 of Part 5 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004,

and “protected overseas relationship” means a protected civil partnership within paragraph (b),” and

- (b) in the definition of “protected marriage”, in paragraph (a), after “England and Wales” insert “or under the law of Northern Ireland”.

(3) In section 25, as it extends to Scotland, subsection (1) is amended as follows—

- (a) in the definition of “protected civil partnership”, after “England and Wales” insert “or under the law of Northern Ireland”, and
- (b) in the definition of “protected marriage”, in paragraph (a), after “England and Wales” insert “or under the law of Northern Ireland”.

(1) The definitions of “protected civil partnership” and “protected marriage” were inserted (with UK extent and with effect from 10.12.2014) by Part 1 of Schedule 5 to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013. Section 25, as it extends to Scotland, was renumbered (with effect from 16.12.2014) as section 25(1) by the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 ([asp 5](#)). The definition of “protected civil partnership”, as it extends to England & Wales, is amended by [S.I. 2019/1458](#).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 47. (See end of Document for details)*

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