
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

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

PART 6

Amendments: Pensions and Social Security: Primary Legislation

County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

55.—(1) The County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(1) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 123(2) (widows', widowers' and surviving civil partners' pensions), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) A surviving civil partner’s pension may not be granted in respect of a person’s service if—

- (a) the person retired from relevant service before 13th January 2020, and
- (b) power to grant the pension relies on the Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019.”.

(3) In section 124(4)(3) (no children’s pension for daughters who are married or for children who are civil partners), omit “female” in both places it occurs.

(4) The amendment made by paragraph (3) applies only where the death of the deceased occurs on or after 13th January 2020.

(5) In Schedule 2B(4) (surviving civil partners’ pensions: transitional provision), in paragraph 1, in the definition of “relevant date”, after “2005” insert “, but means 12th January 2020 in relation to a civil partnership formed between two people not of the same sex”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 55 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

(1) 1959 c.25 (N.I.).

(2) Section 123 was substituted by S.I. 1991/2631 (N.I. 24) and amended by S.I. 2005/3325.

(3) Section 124(4) was amended by S.I. 2005/3325.

(4) Schedule 2B was inserted by article 32 of S.I. 2005/3325.

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 55.