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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 742**

**The Marriage and Civil Partnership  
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020**

**PART 2**

**Religious Marriage of Same-sex Couples**

**Removal of prohibition on religious marriage of same-sex couples**

**3.—(1)** In Article 9(1) of the Marriage Order (persons who may solemnise marriages), omit the second sentence (which prevents religious marriage for same-sex couples).

(2) Omit article 6(3A) of the Overseas Marriage (Armed Forces) Order 2014(2) (same-sex couple may not nominate Northern Ireland if their marriage is to be solemnised by a chaplain).

(3) In consequence of paragraph (1) omit regulation 3(2) of the 2019 Regulations.

(4) In consequence of paragraph (2) omit regulation 14(4)(b) of the 2019 Regulations.

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(1) In Article 9, the second sentence was inserted by regulation 3(2) of [S.I. 2019/1514](#).  
(2) [S.I. 2014/1108](#). Article 6(3A) was inserted by regulation 14(4)(b) of [S.I. 2019/1514](#).