
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984

PART III
MARRIAGE

Restrictions on marriage

Prohibited degrees of relationship

18.—(1) A marriage solemnized^[F1] between a person and any person mentioned in the list in Part 1 of the following Table^[F1], is void:

TABLE

[^{F1}PART I^{F1} Prohibited degrees of relationship^{F1}]

[^{F1F1}Adoptive child^{F1}]

[^{F1}Adoptive parent^{F1}]

[^{F1}Child^{F1}]

[^{F1}Former adoptive child^{F1}]

[^{F1}Former adoptive parent^{F1}]

[^{F1}Grandparent^{F1}]

[^{F1}Grandchild^{F1}]

[^{F1}Parent^{F1}]

[^{F1}Parent's sibling^{F1}]

[^{F1}Sibling^{F1}]

[^{F1}Sibling's child^{F1}]

[^{F1}PART II^{F1}][^{F1} Degrees of affinity referred to in paragraphs (2A) and (2B)^{F1}]

[^{F1}Child of former civil partner^{F1}]

[^{F1}Child of former spouse^{F1}]
 [^{F1}Former civil partner of grandparent^{F1}]
 [^{F1}Former civil partner of parent^{F1}]
 [^{F1}Former spouse of grandparent^{F1}]
 [^{F1}Former spouse of parent^{F1}]
 [^{F1}Grandchild of former civil partner^{F1}]
 [^{F1}Grandchild of former spouse^{F1}]

PART III^{F2}...

(2) In that Table—

- (a) any reference to an adoptive relationship or a former adoptive relationship is to a relationship which arises or arose in consequence of—
 - (i) an order authorising an adoption made (whether before or after the commencement of this Article) in any part of the United Kingdom, in the Isle of Man or in any of the Channel Islands, or
 - (ii) a foreign adoption as defined in section 4(3) of the Adoption (Hague Convention) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;
- (b) any reference to a [^{F1}sibling]^{F1} includes one of the half blood as well as of the whole blood;
- (c) [^{F3}in Part II,]^{F3} any reference to a relationship which is one of affinity is to a relationship deduced through a marriage^{F1} or civil partnership^{F1} which has been terminated by dissolution or by death;
- (d) any reference to a person of a particular relationship includes a person who would rank as being of that relationship if he, or some other person through whom the relationship is deduced, had been born legitimate.

[^{F3}(2A) Subject to paragraph (2B), a marriage solemnized]^{F1} between a person and any person mentioned in the list in Part 2 of that Table]^{F1}, is void.

(2B) Any such marriage as is mentioned in paragraph (2A) is not void by reason only of affinity if both the parties to the marriage have attained the age of 21 at the time of the marriage and the younger party has not at any time before attaining the age of 18 been a child of the family in relation to the other party.

(2C) ^{F4}.....
 (2D) ^{F5}.....
 (2DA) ^{F6}.....
 (2DB) ^{F6}.....
 (2DC) ^{F6}.....

(2E) In this Article “child of the family”, in relation to any person, means a child who has lived in the same household as that person and been treated by that person as a child of his family.]

^{F3}(3) A marriage between person not within the degrees of relationship to which^{F3} paragraph (1) [^{F7}or (2A)]^{F7} applies or a marriage to which paragraph [^{F8}(2B)]^{F8} applies^{F3} is void, if either of those persons is at the time of the marriage domiciled in a country other than Northern Ireland and under the law of that country there cannot be a valid marriage between them because of their relationship to each other.

F1 [2004 c.33](#)

F2 [S. 18\(1\)](#): Pt. III of Table repealed (20.9.2006) by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 ([S.I. 2006/1945](#) (NI 14)), arts. 1(3), {3(1)(a)} (with art. 3(4))

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F4 [Art. 18\(2C\)\(2D\)](#) repealed (20.9.2006) by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 ([S.I. 2006/1945](#) (NI 14)), arts. 1(3), {3(1)(b)} (with art. 3(4))

F5 [Art. 18\(2C\)\(2D\)](#) repealed (20.9.2006) by [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) ([S.I. 2006/1945](#) (N.I. 14)), arts. 1(3), **3(1)(b)** (with art. 3(4))

F6 [Art. 18\(2DA\)\(2DB\)\(2DC\)](#) repealed (20.9.2006) by [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) ([S.I. 2006/1945](#) (N.I. 14)), arts. 1(3), **5(a)**

F7 Words in art. 18(3) substituted (20.9.2006) by [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) ([S.I. 2006/1945](#) (N.I. 14)), arts. 1(3), **3(2)(a)** (with art. 3(4))

F8 Words in art. 18(3) substituted (20.9.2006) by [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) ([S.I. 2006/1945](#) (N.I. 14)), arts. 1(3), **3(2)(b)** (with art. 3(4))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, Cross Heading: Restrictions on marriage.