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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 413**

**The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

*Miscellaneous*

**Commencement of marriage**

**25.** The parties to a marriage solemnised in accordance with this Order shall be taken to be married to each other when both of them have made a declaration in the presence of each other, the person solemnising the marriage and two witnesses that they accept each other as husband and wife [<sup>F1</sup>or as husband and husband or as wife and wife] .

**F1** Words in art. 25 inserted (13.1.2020) by [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1514\)](#), regs. 1(2), 4 (with regs. 6-9)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 25.