
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, NORTHERN IRELAND
MARRIAGE, NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Marriage and Civil Partnership
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020

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**THE MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP
(NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS 2020**

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