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CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, ENGLAND AND WALES
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES,
ETC., ENGLAND AND WALES

The Civil Partnership (Registration and Records) (Amendment)
Regulations 2021

Made - - - - 30th March 2021
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The Registrar General makes the following Regulations with the approval of the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 14(2), 25(5), 36(1) and (2)(a), (c), (f) and (g) and 258 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004^(a) and paragraph 11A(1)(b) and (2)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Gender Recognition Act 2004^(b).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Partnership (Registration and Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 4th May 2021.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendments to the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005

2. The Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005^(c) are amended as provided by regulations 3 to 11.

3. In regulation 2(1)—

(a) omit the definition of “certified extract”;

(b) at the end insert—

““occupation” includes rank or profession.”

4.—(1) Regulation 9 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1), for “(4)” substitute “(9)”.

(3) In paragraph (2)—

(a) 2004 c. 33; section 36(2)(g) was inserted by section 99(2) of the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20).

(b) 2004 c. 7; paragraph 11A was inserted by paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 5 to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (c. 30). “Qualifying civil partnership” is defined in paragraph 11A(3), which was amended by regulation 34 of the Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1458).

(c) S.I. 2005/3176; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2014/3061, 2014/3181.

- (a) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (h)—
 - (i) after “it shall” insert “(subject to paragraph (2A))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (i)—
 - (i) after “it shall”, in the first place those words occur, insert “(subject to paragraph (2B))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (iii) omit the words from “, however” to the end;
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (j)—
 - (i) after “it shall” insert “(subject to paragraph (2C))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (e) in sub-paragraph (k)—
 - (i) after “it shall”, in the first place those words occur, insert “(subject to paragraph (2D))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (iii) omit the words from “, however” to the end;
 - (f) in sub-paragraph (l)(iv) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”.
- (4) After paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(h) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the formation of the parties’ previous civil partnership—

- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(h) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
- (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words “Previous civil partnership dissolved” in space 5 for each party;
- (c) if a party asks for the word “Single” to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party.

(2B) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(i) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the solemnization of the parties’ previous marriage—

- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(i) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
- (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words “Previous marriage dissolved” in space 5 for each party;
- (c) if a party asks for the word “Single” to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party.

(2C) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(j) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the formation of the parties’ previous civil partnership—

- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(j) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
- (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words “Previous civil partnership annulled” in space 5 for each party;
- (c) if a party asks for the word “Single” to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party.

(2D) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(k) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the solemnization of the parties’ previous marriage—

- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(k) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
- (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words “Previous marriage annulled” in space 5 for each party;
- (c) if a party asks for the word “Single” to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party.”

(5) For paragraphs (3) and (4) substitute—

“(3) The registration authority must enter information in space 8 of form 9, 10, 9 (w) or 10 (w) (as the case may be) in accordance with paragraphs (4) to (9).

(4) Where a party provides the registration authority with the required information about a parent of that party for inclusion in the civil partnership document, the registration authority must—

- (a) enter that information,
- (b) if informed by the party that the parent has died, enter the word “deceased” after the parent’s surname, and
- (c) if provided with the parent’s former occupation and informed by the party that the parent has or had retired from that occupation, enter the word “retired” after that occupation.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), where a party provides the registration authority with the required information about a step-parent of that party for inclusion in the civil partnership document, the registration authority must—

- (a) enter that information,
- (b) enter the word “step-parent” after the step-parent’s surname,
- (c) if informed by the party that the step-parent has died, enter the word “deceased” after the word “step-parent”, and
- (d) if provided with the step-parent’s former occupation and informed by the party that the step-parent has or had retired from that occupation, enter the word “retired” after that occupation.

(6) The registration authority must not enter any information about any step-parent of a party under paragraph (5) if entering all of the required information about step-parents provided by the party for inclusion in the civil partnership document would result in information about more than four individuals in total being entered in space 8 in relation to that party (including information about any parent of the party).

(7) The registration authority must not enter any information about a party’s parents or step-parents other than the information (if any) which this regulation requires the registration authority to enter.

(8) Where the registration authority is not required by this regulation to enter any information at all in space 8 in relation to a party, the registration authority must cause a line to be drawn in ink or printed through that space in the column relating to that party.

(9) In this regulation—

“step-parent”, in relation to a party, means a step-parent who is or has been married to, or the civil partner of, a parent of the party;

“the required information” about a parent or step-parent is the parent’s or step-parent’s—

(a) name and surname, and

(b) current occupation or, if the parent or step-parent has no current occupation or has died, former occupation (if any).”

5. In regulation 10(2), for “spaces 3 to 10” substitute “spaces 3 to 8”.

6.—(1) Regulation 13 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) for “regulations 15 and 16” substitute “regulation 15”;

(b) omit “or a certified extract”.

(3) In paragraph (3) omit “or certified extracts”.

(4) In paragraphs (4) and (5) omit “or certified extract”.

7.—(1) Regulation 14 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) for “regulations 15 and 16” substitute “regulation 15”;

(b) omit “or a certified extract”.

(3) In paragraph (3)—

(a) omit “or certified extracts”;

(b) omit “or certified extract”.

(4) In paragraphs (4) and (5) omit “or certified extract”.

(5) In paragraph (6) omit “and certified extracts”.

8.—(1) Regulation 15 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1) omit “and a certified extract”.

(3) For paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) Any person is entitled to a certified copy if that person provides the Registrar General or the registration authority (as the case may be) with the information that person has obtained in relation to the civil partnership in question from the indexes of entries in the civil partnership register.”

(4) Omit paragraphs (3), (4) and (5).

(5) In paragraph (5A) omit “or certified extract”.

9. Omit regulation 16.

10. In Schedule 1, in the table, omit the rows beginning “13” and “13 (w)”.

11.—(1) Schedule 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In the table—

(a) omit the rows beginning “step-father” and “step-mother”;

(b) at the end insert—

“retired

Wedi ymddeol

step-parent

Llys-riant”

(3) In the forms set out after the table—

- (a) for form 9 substitute the form set out under the heading “Form 9” in the Schedule to these Regulations;
- (b) for form 9 (w) substitute the form set out under the heading “Form 9 (w)” in the Schedule to these Regulations;
- (c) for form 10 substitute the form set out under the heading “Form 10” in the Schedule to these Regulations;
- (d) for form 10 (w) substitute the form set out under the heading “Form 10 (w)” in the Schedule to these Regulations;
- (e) for form 12 substitute the form set out under the heading “Form 12” in the Schedule to these Regulations;
- (f) for form 12(w) substitute the form set out under the heading “Form 12(w)” in the Schedule to these Regulations;
- (g) omit forms 13 and 13(w).

Amendments to the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005: transitional provisions

12.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where a person, immediately before 4th May 2021—

- (a) was entitled under the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005 to have a certified extract of an entry in the civil partnership register, but
- (b) had not yet been issued with that certified extract.

(2) The person is not entitled to be issued with the certified extract but is instead entitled to have a certified copy (as defined in regulation 2(1) of those Regulations) of the entry.

13.—(1) In this regulation “the relevant amendments” are—

- (a) the amendments made to regulation 13(4) and (5) of the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005 by regulation 6(4),
- (b) the amendments made to regulation 14(4), (5) and (6) of those Regulations by regulation 7(4) and (5), and
- (c) the amendment made by regulation 3(a) to regulation 2(1) of those Regulations, so far as it revokes the definition of “certified extract” as it applies for the purposes of regulations 13 and 14 of those Regulations.

(2) The relevant amendments do not apply in relation to certified extracts of entries in the civil partnership register issued under the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005 before 4th May 2021.

(3) In regulation 13(5) of those Regulations as it continues to apply by virtue of paragraph (2), for “in accordance with paragraph (3)” substitute “with the seal of the General Register Office”.

14.—(1) In this regulation “the relevant amendments” are—

- (a) the amendment made by regulation 8(3), and
- (b) the revocation of regulation 15(3) and (4) of the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005 by regulation 8(4).

(2) The relevant amendments apply in relation to an application for a certified copy of an entry in the civil partnership register made under those Regulations before 4th May 2021 but not yet determined immediately before that date as they apply in relation to such an application made on or after that date.

Amendments to the Gender Recognition Register (Marriage and Civil Partnership) Regulations 2015

15.—(1) The Gender Recognition Register (Marriage and Civil Partnership) Regulations 2015(a) are amended as provided by paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 15(2) omit “or certified extract”.

(3) In regulation 18 omit paragraph (2).

(4) In regulation 19—

(a) in paragraphs (1) and (2) omit “or certified extract”;

(b) in paragraph (3) for “in accordance with paragraph (2)” substitute “with the seal of the General Register Office”.

(5) A person who, immediately before 4th May 2021, was entitled to have a certified extract of an entry in the Gender Recognition Civil Partnership Register under regulation 18(2) of the Gender Recognition Register (Marriage and Civil Partnership) Regulations 2015 but had not yet been issued with that certified extract is not entitled to have it on or after that date.

Amendments to the Civil Partnerships Records Regulations 2016

16.—(1) In the Civil Partnerships Records Regulations 2016(b), in regulation 2 omit paragraphs (3) and (4).

(2) The amendments made by paragraph (1) apply in relation to a record of information provided on or after 4th May 2021 under regulation 2(1) of those Regulations pursuant to a request made before that date as they apply in relation to such a record provided under that regulation pursuant to a request made on or after that date.

Given under my hand on 30th March 2021

Abi Tierney
Registrar General

I approve

Kevin Foster
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Home Office

30th March 2021

(a) S.I. 2015/50, amended by S.I. 2019/1458: there is another amending instrument but it is not relevant.
(b) S.I. 2016/981.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 11(3)(a) to (f)

New civil partnership forms

Form 9

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP SCHEDULE *(Section 14 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004)*

1. Civil partnership schedule issued by _____ on behalf of _____ registration authority on _____ The issue of this schedule has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof. The waiting period in respect of both notices of proposed civil partnership has expired, or has been reduced on the authority of the Registrar General. The civil partnership must be formed on or before _____ <i>(Signature)</i>					
2. Venue for the civil partnership formation 					
3. Name and surname	 				
4. Date of birth	 				
5. Condition	 				
6. Occupation	 				
7. Residence at time of civil partnership formation	 				
8. Mother/Father/Parent name surname and occupation	 				
9.*	<i>I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.</i>				
10. Civil partner's signature	 				
11. Witnesses	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">(name)</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">(name)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(signature)</td> <td style="border: none;">(signature)</td> </tr> </table>	(name)	(name)	(signature)	(signature)
(name)	(name)				
(signature)	(signature)				
12. Date of formation of civil partnership	13. The civil partnership was formed on this date by these civil partners in the place shown in space 2 above. Signed _____ <div style="text-align: right;">Civil Partnership Registrar</div>				

*Civil partners may choose to speak these words to each other, but doing so is not a necessary part of the formation of their civil partnership.

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Form 9 (w)

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP SCHEDULE
ATODLEN PARTNERIAETH SIFIL
(Section 14 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004)
(Adran 14 o Ddeddf Partneriaeth Sifil 2004)

System No.

<p>1. Civil partnership schedule issued by _____ on behalf of _____ registration authority on _____</p> <p>Atodlen partneriaeth sifil a gyflwynwyd gan _____ ar ran _____ awdurdod cofrestru ar _____</p> <p>The issue of this schedule has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof.</p> <p>Nid oes unrhyw berson ag awdurdod i wrthod cyflwyno'r atodlen hon wedi gwneud hynny.</p> <p>The waiting period in respect of both notices of proposed civil partnership has expired, or has been reduced on the authority of the Registrar General.</p> <p>Mae'r cyfnod aros o ran y ddau hysbysiad o bartneriaeth sifil arfaethedig wedi gorffen, neu wedi cael ei leihau trwy awdurdod y Cofrestryydd Cyffredinol.</p> <p>The civil partnership must be formed on or before _____</p> <p>Rhaid ffurfio'r bartneriaeth sifil ar neu cyn _____</p> <p><i>(Signature/Llofnod)</i></p>
<p>2. Venue for the civil partnership formation _____</p> <p>Lleoliad ar gyfer ffurfiant y bartneriaeth sifil _____</p>

3. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw		
4. Date of birth Dyddiad geni		
5. Condition Cyflwr		
6. Occupation Gwaith		

7. Residence at time of civil partnership formation Preswylfa adeg ffurfiant y bartneriaeth sifil		
8. Mother/Father/Parent name surname and occupation Enw cyfenw a gwaith y Fam/Tad/Rhiant		

9.*	<p><i>I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.</i></p> <p><i>Yr wyf yn hysbysu na wn i am unrhyw reswm cyfreithlon fel na allwn ni gofrestru fel partneriaid sifil ein gilydd. Yr wyf yn deall y byddwn trwy lofnodi'r ddogfen hon yn ffurfio partneriaeth sifil gyda'n gilydd.</i></p>	
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10. Civil partner's signature Llofnod y partner sifil		
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11. Witnesses Tystion	(name/enw)	(name/enw)
	(signature/lofnod)	(Signature/llofnod)

12. Date of formation of civil partnership Dyddiad ffurfiant y bartneriaeth sifil		<p>13. The civil partnership was formed on this date by these civil partners in the place shown in space 2 above.</p> <p>Ffurfiwyd y bartneriaeth sifil ar y dydd hwn gan y partneriaid sifil hyn yn y fan a nodir ym mwlch 2 uchod.</p> <p>Signed/Llofnodwyd _____</p> <p>Civil Partnership Registrar Cofrestryydd Partneriaeth Sifil</p>
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*Civil partners may choose to speak these words to each other, but doing so is not a necessary part of the formation of their civil partnership.
 Gall y partneriaid sifil ddewis i ddweud y geiriau hyn wrth eu gilydd ond nid yw gwneud hyn yn rhan angenrheidiol o ffurfiant eu partneriaeth sifil.

Form 10

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S LICENCE
(Section 25 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004)

Reference Number:

1. Registrar General's Licence issued by _____ on behalf of _____ registration authority on _____ on the authority of the Registrar General. The issue of this licence has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof. The civil partnership must be formed on or before _____ (Signature)
2. Venue for the civil partnership formation

3. Name and surname		
4. Date of birth		
5. Condition		
6. Occupation		

7. Residence at time of civil partnership formation		
8. Mother/Father/Parent name surname and occupation		

9.*	<i>I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.</i>	
10. Civil partner's signature		
11. Witnesses	(name) _____ (name) _____ (signature) _____ (signature) _____	
12. Date of formation of civil partnership		13. The civil partnership was formed on this date by these civil partners in the place shown in space 2 above. Signed..... Civil Partnership Registrar

*Civil partners may choose to speak these words to each other, but doing so is not a necessary part of the formation of their civil partnership.

Form 10 (w)

**REGISTRAR GENERAL'S LICENCE
TRWYDDED Y COFRESTRYDD CYFFREDINOL**

*(Section 25 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004)
(Adran 25 o Ddeddf Partneriaeth Sifil 2004)*

Reference Number:

<p>1. Registrar General's Licence issued by _____ on behalf of _____ registration authority on _____ Trwydded y Cofrestrydd Cyffredinol a gyflwynwyd gan _____ ar ran _____ awdurdod cofrestru ar _____</p> <p>on the authority of the Registrar General. trwy awdurdod y Cofrestrydd Cyffredinol. The issue of this licence has not been forbidden by any person authorised to forbid the issue thereof. Nid oes unrhyw berson ag awdurdod i wrthod cyflwyno'r drwydded hon wedi gwneud hynny. The civil partnership must be formed on or before _____ Rhaid ffurfio'r bartneriaeth sifil ar neu cyn _____ <i>(Signature/Llofnod)</i></p>
<p>2. Venue for the civil partnership formation Lleoliad ar gyfer ffurfiant y bartneriaeth sifil</p>

3. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw		
4. Date of birth Dyddiad geni		
5. Condition Cyflwr		
6. Occupation Gwaith		

7. Residence at time of civil partnership formation Preswylfa adeg ffurfiant y bartneriaeth sifil		
8. Mother/Father/ Parent name surname and occupation Enw cyfenw a gwaith y Fam/Tad/Rhiant		

9.*	<p><i>I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other. Yr wyf yn hysbysu na wn i am unrhyw reswm cyfreithlon fel na allwn ni gofrestru fel partneriaid sifil ein gilydd. Yr wyf yn deall y byddwn trwy lofnodi'r ddogfen hon yn ffurfio partneriaeth sifil gyda'n gilydd.</i></p>	
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10. Civil partner's signature Llofnod y partner sifil		
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11. Witnesses Tystion	(name/enw) (signature/lofnod)	(name/enw) (signature/lofnod)
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12. Date of formation of civil partnership Dyddiad ffurfiant y bartneriaeth sifil		<p>13. The civil partnership was formed on this date by these civil partners in the place shown in space 2 above. Ffurfiwyd y bartneriaeth sifil ar y dydd hwn gan y partneriaid sifil hyn yn y fan a nodir ym mwlech 2 uchod.</p> <p>Signed/Llofnodwyd..... Civil Partnership Registrar Cofrestrydd Partneriaeth Sifil</p>
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*Civil partners may choose to speak these words to each other, but doing so is not a necessary part of the formation of their civil partnership.
Gall y partneriaid sifil ddewis i ddweud y geiriau hyn wrth eu gilydd ond nid yw gwneud hyn yn rhan angenrheidiol o ffurfiant eu partneriaeth sifil.

Form 12

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP		
Civil partnership registered in the Registration Authority of		Entry No.
1. Date and place of civil partnership registration		
2. Name and surname		
3. Date of birth		
4. Condition		
5. Occupation		
6. Residence at time of civil partnership registration		
7. Mother/Father/Parent name surname and occupation		
8. Civil partner's signature		
9. Name and surname of witnesses		
10. Civil partnership registrar's signature		

Form 12(w)

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP PARTNERIAETH SIFIL		
Civil partnership registered in the Registration Authority of Partneriaeth sifil a gofrestrwyd yn Awdurdod Cofrestru		Entry No. Rhif Cofnod.
1. Date and place of civil partnership registration Dyddiad a man cofrestru y bartneriaeth sifil		
2. Name and surname Enw a chyfenw		
3. Date of birth Dyddiad geni		
4. Condition Cyflwr		
5. Occupation Gwaith		
6. Residence at time of civil partnership registration Preswylfa adeg cofrestru y bartneriaeth sifil		
7. Mother/Father/Parent name surname and occupation Enw cyfenw a gwaith y Fam/Tad/Rhiant		
8. Civil partner's signature Llofnod y partner sifil		
9. Name and surname of witnesses Enw a chyfenw y tystion		
10. Civil partnership registrar's signature Llofnod cofrestrydd partneriaeth sifil		

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005 (“the 2005 Regulations”), the Gender Recognition Register (Marriage and Civil Partnership) Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”) and the Civil Partnerships Records Regulations 2016 (“the 2016 Regulations”).

The 2005 Regulations make provision about the registration of civil partnerships and include prescribed forms. Regulations 2 to 14 of these Regulations amend the 2005 Regulations and make related transitional provision.

The 2005 Regulations currently provide for the issuing of certified extracts and certified copies of entries on the civil partnership register. A certified extract does not include the addresses of the civil partners, but a certified copy does. Certified copies are only available to the parties themselves (when their civil partnership is formed) and to persons who are able to provide the full addresses of both civil partners. This is subject to exceptions which enable the Registrar General to authorise the issue of a certified copy where it is reasonable to do so and allow for unrestricted access to certified copies when 50 years have elapsed since the formation of the civil partnership. Regulations 3(a), 6 to 10 and 11(3)(g) of these Regulations remove the provision made by the 2005 Regulations for the issuing of certified extracts, and provide for certified copies to be issued (on payment of a fee) to anyone who provides the Registrar General or registration authority with

the information about the civil partnership in question that they have obtained by searching the indexes of register entries. The amendments do not affect the parties' existing entitlement to obtain a certified copy. Regulations 12, 13 and 14 make transitional provision relating to the availability and status of certified extracts, and the availability of certified copies, on and after 4th May 2021 (the date on which the amendments made by these Regulations come into force).

Regulations 4 and 5 amend regulations 9 and 10 of the 2005 Regulations. Regulation 9 of the 2005 Regulations makes provision about the information to be included in forms 9 and 9 (w) (the forms for a civil partnership schedule issued under section 14(1) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004) and forms 10 and 10 (w) (the forms for a Registrar General's licence issued under section 25(2) of that Act). Regulation 10 of the 2005 Regulations provides for the verification and correction of information entered in these forms. Regulation 11(3)(a) to (d) of these Regulations substitutes new versions of these forms, which are set out in the Schedule. The amendments to regulations 9 and 10 of the 2005 Regulations reflect the changes to these forms. The amendments also provide for the manner in which information is to be entered on these forms in cases where the parties to the proposed civil partnership have most recently been married to, or in a civil partnership with, each other and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued to either or each of them since then. The amendments also make provision about entering details of the parties' parents and step-parents on the forms. Regulations 3(b) and 11(2) make further related amendments.

Regulation 11 of the 2005 Regulations prescribes the information to be recorded in the civil partnership register under section 2(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 after the formation of a civil partnership. It requires the recording of the information on form 12 (where the civil partnership was formed in England) or form 12 (w) (where the civil partnership was formed in Wales). Regulation 11(3)(e) and (f) of these Regulations substitutes new versions of these forms, which are set out in the Schedule.

Regulation 15 amends the 2015 Regulations. As explained above, provision for issuing certified extracts of entries in the civil partnership register is removed by these Regulations. Regulation 15 similarly removes provision for issuing certified extracts of entries in the Gender Recognition Civil Partnership Register. It also removes a reference to certified extracts of civil partnership register entries.

Regulation 16 amends the 2016 Regulations, which provide for information contained in an entry in the Registrar General's register of civil partnerships to be provided in portable document format to a person applying via the website www.gov.uk. Regulation 16 removes the requirement that such information must not include the full addresses of the civil partners unless the applicant provides those addresses to the Registrar General when applying or 50 years have elapsed since the formation of the civil partnership.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument because no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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