



Civil Partnership Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 33

PART 4

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: NORTHERN IRELAND

CHAPTER 1

REGISTRATION

Supplementary

155 Searches

- (1) The Registrar General must provide indexes to civil partnership registration records in his custody for inspection by the public.
- (2) A registrar must provide indexes to civil partnership registration records in his custody for inspection by the public.
- (3) Any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee—
 - (a) search any index mentioned in subsection (1) or (2), and
 - (b) require the Registrar General or, as the case may be, the registrar to give him a document in the prescribed form relating to the registration of a civil partnership.
- (4) The Registrar General must cause any document given by him under this section or section 156 to be stamped with the seal of the General Register Office.
- (5) Judicial notice shall be taken of any document so stamped.
- [^{F1}(6) Regulations under section 159 may make provision for any person to have access, on payment of the prescribed fee, to any information contained in any civil partnership registration records.

Changes to legislation: Civil Partnership Act 2004, Section 155 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (7) Regulations under section 159 may provide that the relevant period must have expired in relation to the information.
- (8) In subsection (7) “the relevant period” in relation to a civil partnership means the period of 75 years from the date on which the civil partnership was registered or such other period as may be prescribed.
- (9) Regulations under section 159 may provide for the Registrar General—
- (a) to make arrangements with any person for the purpose of providing access to information as mentioned in subsection (6); and
 - (b) for that purpose to transfer information to that person subject to conditions (including conditions as to the making of payments by that person to the Registrar General).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 155(6)-(9) added (16.11.2012) by [Civil Registration Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 20\), ss. 23\(2\), 34; S.R. 2012/406, art. 2, Sch.](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 155 wholly in force at 5.12.2005; s. 155 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 263; s. 155(3) in force at 5.9.2005 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2005/2399, art. 2, Sch.](#) and otherwise 5.12.2005 insofar as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/3255, art. 2\(1\), Sch.](#); s. 155 in force at 5.12.2005 insofar as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/3255, art. 2\(1\), Sch.](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(10) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)