



# Civil Partnership Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 33

### PART 2

#### CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: ENGLAND AND WALES

### CHAPTER 1

#### REGISTRATION

##### *Formation, eligibility and parental etc. consent*

## **2 Formation of civil partnership by registration**

- (1) For the purposes of section 1, two people are to be regarded as having registered as civil partners of each other once each of them has signed the civil partnership document—
  - (a) at the invitation of, and in the presence of, a civil partnership registrar, and
  - (b) in the presence of each other and two witnesses.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies regardless of whether subsections (3) and (4) are complied with.
- (3) After the civil partnership document has been signed under subsection (1), it must also be signed, in the presence of the civil partners and each other, by—
  - (a) each of the two witnesses, and
  - (b) the civil partnership registrar.
- (4) After the witnesses and the civil partnership registrar have signed the civil partnership document, the relevant registration authority must ensure that—
  - (a) the fact that the two people have registered as civil partners of each other, and
  - (b) any other information prescribed by regulations,is recorded in the register as soon as is practicable.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) No religious service is to be used while the civil partnership registrar is officiating at the signing of a civil partnership document.
- (6) “The civil partnership document” has the meaning given by section 7(1).
- (7) “The relevant registration authority” means the registration authority in whose area the registration takes place.