



# Civil Partnership Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 33

### PART 2

#### CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: ENGLAND AND WALES

### CHAPTER 1

#### REGISTRATION

##### *Modified procedures for certain non-residents*

## 20 Modified procedures for certain non-residents

- (1) Subsection (5) applies in the following [<sup>F1</sup>two] cases.
- (2) The first is where—
  - (a) two people wish to register as civil partners of each other in England and Wales, and
  - (b) one of them (“A”) resides in Scotland and the other (“B”) resides in England or Wales.
- (3) <sup>F2</sup>.....
- (4) The [<sup>F3</sup>second] is where—
  - (a) two people wish to register as civil partners of each other in England and Wales, and
  - (b) one of them (“A”) is [<sup>F4</sup>an officer, seaman or marine borne on the books of one of Her Majesty's ships at sea.] and the other (“B”) resides in England or Wales.
- (5) For the purposes of the standard procedure, the procedure for house-bound persons and the procedure for detained persons—
  - (a) A is not required to give a notice of proposed civil partnership under this Chapter;

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- [<sup>F5</sup>(b) B may make the necessary declaration without reference to A's usual place of residence for any period;]
  - (c) the waiting period is calculated by reference to the day on which B's notice is recorded;
  - (d) the civil partnership schedule is not to be issued by a registration authority unless A or B produces to that registration authority a certificate of no impediment issued to A under the relevant provision;
  - (e) the applicable period is calculated by reference to the day on which B's notice is recorded and, where the standard procedure is used in the [<sup>F6</sup>first case], is the period of 3 months beginning with that day;
  - (f) section 31 applies as if in subsections (1)(a) and (2)(c) for "each notice" there were substituted " B's notice "
- (6) "The relevant provision" means—
- (a) if A resides in Scotland, section 97;
  - (b) <sup>F7</sup> .....
  - (c) if A is [<sup>F8</sup>an officer, seaman or marine borne on the books of one of Her Majesty's ships at sea], section 239.
- (7) <sup>F9</sup> .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 20(1) substituted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(2)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F2** S. 20(3) omitted (5.12.2005) by virtue of [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(3)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F3** Word in s. 20(4) substituted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(4)(a)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F4** Words in s. 20(4) substituted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(4)(b)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F5** S. 20(5)(b) substituted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(5)(a)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F6** Words in s. 20(5)(e) substituted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(5)(b)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F7** S. 20(6)(b) omitted (5.12.2005) by virtue of [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(6)(a)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F8** Words in s. 20(6)(c) substituted (5.12.2005) by [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(6)(b)** (subject to art. 1(3))
- F9** S. 20(7) omitted (5.12.2005) by virtue of [The Civil Partnership \(Amendments to Registration Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2000\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. para. 8(7)** (subject to art. 1(3))

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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\(2\)](#)