



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 16

#### GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

##### *Civil partnerships*

#### **202 Civil partnerships on religious premises**

- (1) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit section 6(1)(b) and (2) (prohibition on use of religious premises for registration of civil partnership).
- (3) In section 6A (power to approve premises for registration of civil partnership), after subsection (2), insert—
  - “(2A) Regulations under this section may provide that premises approved for the registration of civil partnerships may differ from those premises approved for the registration of civil marriages.
  - (2B) Provision by virtue of subsection (2)(b) may, in particular, provide that applications for approval of premises may only be made with the consent (whether general or specific) of a person specified, or a person of a description specified, in the provision.
  - (2C) The power conferred by section 258(2), in its application to the power conferred by this section, includes in particular—
    - (a) power to make provision in relation to religious premises that differs from provision in relation to other premises;
    - (b) power to make different provision for different kinds of religious premises.”
- (4) In that section, after subsection (3), insert—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- “(3A) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Act places an obligation on religious organisations to host civil partnerships if they do not wish to do so.
- (3B) “Civil marriage” means marriage solemnised otherwise than according to the rites of the Church of England or any other religious usages.
- (3C) “Religious premises” means premises which—
- (a) are used solely or mainly for religious purposes, or
  - (b) have been so used and have not subsequently been used solely or mainly for other purposes.”