



Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 11

Civil partnership: dissolution and separation

5 Separation: removal of factual grounds

- (1) Section 56 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (separation orders) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), for the words from “either civil partner” to the end substitute “either or both civil partners.”
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) An application under subsection (1) must be accompanied by—
 - (a) if the application is by one civil partner only, a statement by that person that they seek to be separated from the other civil partner, or
 - (b) if the application is by both civil partners, a statement by them that they seek to be separated from one another.”
- (4) Omit subsection (2).
- (5) For subsection (3) substitute—
 - “(3) The court dealing with an application under subsection (1) must make a separation order.”
- (6) Omit subsection (4).