



Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 28

Civil partnership

3 Civil partnership: increase of minimum age to 18

- (1) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3 (eligibility), in subsection (1), in paragraph (c), for “16” substitute “18”.
- (3) Omit section 4 (parental etc. consent where proposed civil partner under 18).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 3 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 7\(1\)](#)
I2 S. 3 in force at 27.2.2023 by [S.I. 2023/88](#), [reg. 2](#) (with [regs. 3-17](#))

4 Civil partnerships etc. registered outside England and Wales

- (1) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 54 (validity of civil partnerships registered outside England and Wales)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), omit “and”;
 - (ii) after paragraph (a), insert—
 - “(aa) void, if the civil partnership was registered when—
 - (i) one of the two people was domiciled in England and Wales, and
 - (ii) one of the two people was under 18, and”;
 - (b) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), omit “and”;

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- (ii) after paragraph (a), insert—
 - “(aa) void, if the civil partnership was registered when—
 - (i) one of the two people was domiciled in England and Wales, and
 - (ii) one of the two people was under 18, and”;
 - (c) in subsection (2A)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), omit “and”;
 - (ii) after paragraph (a), insert—
 - “(aa) void, if the marriage was solemnised there when—
 - (i) one of the two people was domiciled in England and Wales, and
 - (ii) one of the two people was under 18, and”.
- (3) In section 217 (person domiciled in a part of the United Kingdom), in subsection (2), in paragraph (a), for “16” substitute “18”.

Commencement Information

I3 S. 4 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 7\(1\)](#)

I4 S. 4 in force at 27.2.2023 by [S.I. 2023/88](#), [reg. 2](#) (with [regs. 3-17](#))

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