



# 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”.

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**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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