

SCHEDULE 1

MEANING OF MARRIAGE AND RELATED EXPRESSIONS: SCOTLAND

PART 2

GENERAL INTERPRETATION

Interpretation: existing Scottish legislation

2.—(1) In existing Scottish legislation—

- (a) a reference to marriage is to be read as including a reference to marriage of a same sex couple;
- (b) a reference to a married couple is to be read as including a reference to a married same sex couple;
- (c) a reference to a person who is married is to be read as including a reference to a person who is married to a person of the same sex.

(2) In existing Scottish legislation—

- (a) a reference to persons who are not married but are living together as a married couple is to be read as including a reference to a same sex couple who are not married but are living together as a married couple;
- (b) a reference to a person who is living with another person as if they were married is to be read as including a reference to a person who is living with another person of the same sex as if they were married.

(3) Where sub-paragraph (1) or (2) requires a reference to be read in a particular way, any related reference (such as a reference to a marriage that has ended, or a reference to a person whose marriage has ended) is to be read accordingly.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) it does not matter how the reference is expressed.

(5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies to existing Scottish legislation which deals differently with—

- (a) a man and a woman living together as if married; and
- (b) two men, or two women, living together as if civil partners.

(6) If two men, or two women, are living together as if married, that legislation applies to them in the way that it would apply to them if they were living together as civil partners.

(7) This paragraph does not limit paragraph 1(1) or 1(2).

Commencement Information

II Sch. 1 para. 2 in force at 16.12.2014, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 and Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2014. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 6(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#)