
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

PART 4

Amendments: Children and Families

Registration of births

22.—(1) The Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 2(2A)⁽²⁾ (interpretation of references to marital status of parents at time of child's birth), after "married to" insert " , or civil partners of,".

(3) In Article 14⁽³⁾ (registration of father where parents not married)—

(a) in the heading, after "not married" insert "or civil partners", and

(b) in paragraph (1), after "not married to" insert " , or civil partners of,".

(4) In Article 18(1)(b)⁽⁴⁾ (re-registration of birth in certain cases)—

(a) in the words before paragraph (i), after "not married to" insert " , or civil partners of," and

(b) in paragraph (i), after "were so married" insert "or were civil partners of each other".

(5) In Article 19(7) (re-registration of births of legitimated persons: interpretation), after "marriage" insert "or civil partnership".

(6) In Article 37(7)(a)(i) and (ii) and (b)(i)⁽⁵⁾ (parents as qualified applicants for registration of change of child's name), after "married to" insert " , or civil partners of,".

Commencement Information

II Reg. 22 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1976/1041 (N.I. 14).

⁽²⁾ Article 2(2A) was inserted by paragraph 83 of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

⁽³⁾ Article 14 was substituted by paragraph 84 of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

⁽⁴⁾ Article 18(1)(b) was substituted by paragraph 85 of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

⁽⁵⁾ Article 37(7)(a) and (b) were substituted by paragraph 88 of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995; Article 37(7)(b) as so substituted was further substituted by paragraph 66(b) of Schedule 6 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 (c.22).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 22.