
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

PART 4

Amendments: Children and Families

Adoption

29.—(1) The Adoption (Hague Convention) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) In section 1 (convention adoption orders)—

- (a) in subsection (4), omit “married”,
- (b) in subsection (7), after “spouse” insert “or civil partner”, and
- (c) after subsection (8) insert—

“(9) In subsection (4) “couple” has the same meaning as in the Order of 1987 (see Article 2 of that Order).”.

(3) In section 2(a) (which applied the original Article 14(2) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 with modifications), for “14(2) (adoption by married couples)” substitute “14(4) (adoption by couples)”.

(4) In section 6(2) (person legitimated following foreign convention adoption by just one parent), after “marriage of” insert “, or formation of a civil partnership by”.

(1) [1969 c.22 \(N.I.\)](#); sections 1 and 2 were substituted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 ([S.I. 1987/2203 \(N.I. 22\)](#)).