
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

Declarations as to marital status: jurisdiction of the courts

37. In Article 31 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989⁽¹⁾ (declarations as to marital status)—

- (a) in paragraph (2) (when court has jurisdiction), after “if (and only if)” insert “paragraph (2A) applies or”, and
- (b) after paragraph (2) insert—
 - “(2A) This paragraph applies where—
 - (a) the two people concerned are of the same sex and married each other under the law of Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) it appears to the court to be in the interests of justice to assume jurisdiction in the case.”.