
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

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

PART 6

Amendments: Pensions and Social Security: Primary Legislation

State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002

71. In section 17 of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002⁽¹⁾ (interpretation)—

(a) in subsection (1), for the definition of “couple” substitute—

““couple” means—

- (a) two people who are married to, or civil partners of, each other and are members of the same household, or
- (b) two people who are not married to, or civil partners of, each other but are living together as if spouses of each other otherwise than in prescribed circumstances;” and

(b) omit subsection (1A).

Commencement Information

II Reg. 71 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽¹⁾ [2002 c.14 \(N.I.\)](#). The definition of “couple” in section 17(1), and section 17(1A), were inserted by paragraphs 150 and 151 of Schedule 24 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

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 71.