
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

Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007

72. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007⁽¹⁾—

(a) in sub-paragraph (5), 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 sub-paragraph (6) (interpretation of definition of “couple”).

Commencement Information

II Reg. 72 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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 72.