
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 (Northern Ireland) Order 2015

- 74.**—(1) The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 45 (meaning of “couple”)—
- (a) for paragraphs (1) and (2) substitute—
- “(1) In this Part “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.”, and
- (b) in paragraph (3)(b)—
- (i) for “a man and a woman” substitute “two people”, and
- (ii) for “as husband and wife” substitute “as if spouses of each other”.

Commencement Information

- II** Reg. 74 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 74.