
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 410

The Civil Partnership (Registration and Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Amendments to the Civil Partnership (Registration Provisions) Regulations 2005

- 4.—(1) Regulation 9 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (1), for “(4)” substitute “(9)”.
- (3) In paragraph (2)—
- (a) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (h)—
 - (i) after “it shall” insert “(subject to paragraph (2A))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (i)—
 - (i) after “it shall”, in the first place those words occur, insert “(subject to paragraph (2B))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (iii) omit the words from “, however” to the end;
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (j)—
 - (i) after “it shall” insert “(subject to paragraph (2C))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (e) in sub-paragraph (k)—
 - (i) after “it shall”, in the first place those words occur, insert “(subject to paragraph (2D))”;
 - (ii) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”;
 - (iii) omit the words from “, however” to the end;
 - (f) in sub-paragraph (l)(iv) for “space 6” substitute “space 5”.
- (4) After paragraph (2) insert—
- “(2A) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(h) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the formation of the parties’ previous civil partnership—
- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(h) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
 - (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words “Previous civil partnership dissolved” in space 5 for each party;
 - (c) if a party asks for the word “Single” to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that

word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party.

(2B) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(i) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the solemnization of the parties' previous marriage—

- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(i) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
- (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words "Previous marriage dissolved" in space 5 for each party;
- (c) if a party asks for the word "Single" to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party.

(2C) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(j) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the formation of the parties' previous civil partnership—

- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(j) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
- (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words "Previous civil partnership annulled" in space 5 for each party;
- (c) if a party asks for the word "Single" to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party.

(2D) Where the circumstances are those in paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (2)(k) and a full gender recognition certificate has been issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 to either or each of the parties since the solemnization of the parties' previous marriage—

- (a) the registration authority must only make the entry required by paragraph (2)(k) if both parties ask for that entry to be made;
- (b) if the parties do not ask for that entry to be made, the registration authority must instead, subject to sub-paragraph (c), enter the words "Previous marriage annulled" in space 5 for each party;
- (c) if a party asks for the word "Single" to be entered for that party instead of the words required by sub-paragraph (b), the registration authority must enter that word in space 5 for that party instead of making the entry required by that sub-paragraph for that party."

(5) For paragraphs (3) and (4) substitute—

"(3) The registration authority must enter information in space 8 of form 9, 10, 9 (w) or 10 (w) (as the case may be) in accordance with paragraphs (4) to (9).

(4) Where a party provides the registration authority with the required information about a parent of that party for inclusion in the civil partnership document, the registration authority must—

- (a) enter that information,
- (b) if informed by the party that the parent has died, enter the word "deceased" after the parent's surname, and

- (c) if provided with the parent’s former occupation and informed by the party that the parent has or had retired from that occupation, enter the word “retired” after that occupation.
- (5) Subject to paragraph (6), where a party provides the registration authority with the required information about a step-parent of that party for inclusion in the civil partnership document, the registration authority must—
 - (a) enter that information,
 - (b) enter the word “step-parent” after the step-parent’s surname,
 - (c) if informed by the party that the step-parent has died, enter the word “deceased” after the word “step-parent”, and
 - (d) if provided with the step-parent’s former occupation and informed by the party that the step-parent has or had retired from that occupation, enter the word “retired” after that occupation.
- (6) The registration authority must not enter any information about any step-parent of a party under paragraph (5) if entering all of the required information about step-parents provided by the party for inclusion in the civil partnership document would result in information about more than four individuals in total being entered in space 8 in relation to that party (including information about any parent of the party).
- (7) The registration authority must not enter any information about a party’s parents or step-parents other than the information (if any) which this regulation requires the registration authority to enter.
- (8) Where the registration authority is not required by this regulation to enter any information at all in space 8 in relation to a party, the registration authority must cause a line to be drawn in ink or printed through that space in the column relating to that party.
- (9) In this regulation—
 - “step-parent”, in relation to a party, means a step-parent who is or has been married to, or the civil partner of, a parent of the party;
 - “the required information” about a parent or step-parent is the parent’s or step-parent’s—
 - (a) name and surname, and
 - (b) current occupation or, if the parent or step-parent has no current occupation or has died, former occupation (if any).”