



# Civil Partnership Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 33

### PART 3

#### CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: SCOTLAND

### CHAPTER 2

#### REGISTRATION

#### 91 Early registration

[<sup>F1</sup>(1)] [<sup>F2</sup>Where the district registrar] receives a request in writing from one or both of two intended civil partners that they should be registered as civil partners of each other on a date specified in the request (being a date [<sup>F3</sup>28 days] or fewer after publicisation by the district registrar under subsection (1) of section 90) [<sup>F4</sup>the district registrar] may, provided that he is authorised to do so by the Registrar General, fix that date as the date for registration; and if a date is so fixed, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of that section is to be construed as if it were a reference to that date.

[<sup>F5</sup>(1A) Unless subsection (1B) applies, if a proposed civil partnership is referred to the Secretary of State under section 88F (“the referred civil partnership”) the Registrar General may not authorise the district registrar to fix the specified date mentioned in subsection (1) as the date for registration of the referred civil partnership without the consent of the Secretary of State.

(1B) This subsection applies if the request made under subsection (1) is made because a party to the referred civil partnership is gravely ill and not expected to recover.]

[<sup>F6</sup>(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a request which is made by electronic means is to be treated as in writing if it is received in a form which is legible and capable of being used for subsequent reference.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 91(1): s. 91 renumbered as s. 91(1) (16.12.2014) by [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 5\)](#), **ss. 24(8)(a)**, 36; S.S.I. 2014/287, art. 3, sch.
- F2** Words in s. 91(1) substituted (16.12.2014) by [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 5\)](#), **ss. 24(8)(b)(i)**, 36; S.S.I. 2014/287, art. 3, sch.
- F3** Words in s. 91(1) substituted (1.3.2015) by [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 5\)](#), **ss. 24(8)(b)(ii)**, 36; S.S.I. 2015/14, art. 2, sch. (with art. 3(2))
- F4** Words in s. 91(1) inserted (16.12.2014) by [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 5\)](#), **ss. 24(8)(b)(iii)**, 36; S.S.I. 2014/287, art. 3, sch.
- F5** S. 91(1A)(1B) inserted for specified purposes (1.3.2015) by [The Referral and Investigation of Proposed Marriages and Civil Partnerships \(Scotland\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/396\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 5(2)** (with art. 1(3))
- F6** S. 91(2) inserted (16.12.2014) by [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 5\)](#), **ss. 24(8)(c)**, 36; S.S.I. 2014/287, art. 3, sch.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(10) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)