



Civil Partnership Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 33

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

VALID FROM 05/12/2005

1 Civil partnership

- (1) A civil partnership is a relationship between two people of the same sex (“civil partners”)—
 - (a) which is formed when they register as civil partners of each other—
 - (i) in England or Wales (under Part 2),
 - (ii) in Scotland (under Part 3),
 - (iii) in Northern Ireland (under Part 4), or
 - (iv) outside the United Kingdom under an Order in Council made under Chapter 1 of Part 5 (registration at British consulates etc. or by armed forces personnel), or
 - (b) which they are treated under Chapter 2 of Part 5 as having formed (at the time determined under that Chapter) by virtue of having registered an overseas relationship.
- (2) Subsection (1) is subject to the provisions of this Act under or by virtue of which a civil partnership is void.
- (3) A civil partnership ends only on death, dissolution or annulment.
- (4) The references in subsection (3) to dissolution and annulment are to dissolution and annulment having effect under or recognised in accordance with this Act.
- (5) References in this Act to an overseas relationship are to be read in accordance with Chapter 2 of Part 5.

Status:

Point in time view as at 18/11/2004. This version of this provision is not valid for this point in time.

Changes to legislation:

Civil Partnership Act 2004, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.