



Civil Partnership Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 33

PART 2

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: ENGLAND AND WALES

CHAPTER 1

REGISTRATION

Registration procedure: general

5 Types of pre-registration procedure

- (1) Two people may register as civil partners of each other under—
 - (a) the standard procedure;
 - (b) the procedure for house-bound persons;
 - (c) the procedure for detained persons;
 - (d) the special procedure (which is for cases where a person is seriously ill and not expected to recover).
- (2) The procedures referred to in subsection (1)(a) to (c) are subject to—
 - (a) section 20 (modified procedures for certain non-residents);
 - (b) Schedule 3 (former spouses one of whom has changed sex).
- (3) The procedures referred to in subsection (1) (including the procedures as modified by section 20 and Schedule 3) are subject to—
 - (a) Part 2 of Schedule 1 (provisions applicable in connection with prohibited degrees of relationship),^{F1}...
 - ^{F2}(b)
- (4) This section is also subject to section 249 and Schedule 23 (immigration control and formation of civil partnerships).

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 5(3)(a) omitted (27.2.2023) by virtue of [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Minimum Age\) Act 2022 \(c. 28\), s. 7\(1\), Sch. para. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 8); S.I. 2023/88, reg. 2 (with regs. 3-17)
- F2** S. 5(3)(b) omitted (27.2.2023) by virtue of [Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Minimum Age\) Act 2022 \(c. 28\), s. 7\(1\), Sch. para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 8); S.I. 2023/88, reg. 2 (with regs. 3-17)

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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. 3(1)(e) and word inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 3(1A)(1B) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(3\)](#)
- s. 3(3)(4) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(4\)](#)
- s. 19(4)(c) and word inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 19(5A)(5B) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(8\)](#)
- s. 19(7A) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 76\(9\)](#)
- 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\(2\)](#)