

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations establish the procedure for changing an existing qualifying civil partnership into a marriage under section 10 of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014. A qualifying civil partnership is any existing civil partnership which was registered in Scotland and has not been dissolved, annulled or ended by death. A civil partnership which was registered outside the United Kingdom under an Order in Council made under Chapter 1 of Part 5 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004, where the parties to the civil partnership elected Scotland as the relevant part of the United Kingdom under the Order and details of the civil partnership were sent to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland, is treated as having been registered in Scotland.

The Regulations also make appropriate modifications to the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 and the Gender Recognition Act 2004 in consequence of the procedure.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage Between Civil Partners (Procedure for Change and Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014.