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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 124**

**The National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland)  
(Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations 2018**

**Civil partnerships and marriage of same sex couples**

3.—(1) In these Regulations a reference to—

- (a) civil partnership is to be read as including a reference to marriage of a same sex couple and a reference to civil partners or to a person who is in a civil partnership is to be construed accordingly;
- (b) a person who is living with another person as if they were in a civil partnership is to be read as including a reference to a person who is living with another person of the same sex as if they were married.

(2) Where paragraph (1) requires a reference to be read in a particular way, any related reference (such as a reference to a civil partnership that has ended, a reference to a person whose civil partnership has ended, or a reference to persons formerly living together as civil partners) is to be read accordingly.

(3) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), it does not matter how a reference is expressed.

(4) In this regulation, “civil partnership” and “civil partners” have the meanings given by section 1 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 <sup>M1</sup>.

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 2004 c.33.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations 2018, Section 3.