



# Legitimacy Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 31

### 2 **Legitimation by subsequent marriage [<sup>F1</sup>or civil partnership] of [<sup>F2</sup>mother and father].**

Subject to the following provisions of this Act, where the [<sup>F3</sup>mother and father] of an illegitimate person marry [<sup>F4</sup>or become civil partners of] one another, the marriage [<sup>F5</sup>or civil partnership] shall, if the father of the illegitimate person is at the date of marriage [<sup>F6</sup>or the date of the formation of the civil partnership] domiciled in England and Wales, render that person, if living, legitimate from the [<sup>F7</sup>that date].

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 2 heading inserted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), regs. 1(2), **12(4)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 2 heading substituted (13.3.2014) by [The Marriage \(Same Sex Couples\) Act 2013 \(Consequential and Contrary Provisions and Scotland\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/560\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 15(3)**
- F3** Words in s. 2 substituted (13.3.2014) by [The Marriage \(Same Sex Couples\) Act 2013 \(Consequential and Contrary Provisions and Scotland\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/560\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 15(3)**
- F4** Words in s. 2 inserted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), regs. 1(2), **12(4)(b)**
- F5** Words in s. 2 inserted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), regs. 1(2), **12(4)(c)**
- F6** Words in s. 2 inserted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), regs. 1(2), **12(4)(d)**
- F7** Words in s. 2 substituted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), regs. 1(2), **12(4)(e)**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Legitimacy Act 1976, Section 2.