

*These notes refer to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33)
which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004*

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

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Part 4 – Civil Partnership: Northern Ireland

Introduction

Chapter 1 - Registration

Section 138: Eligibility

259. *Subsection (1)* provides that two people are not eligible to register in Northern Ireland as civil partners of each other if –
- a) they are not of the same sex,
 - b) either of them is already a civil partner or lawfully married
 - c) either of them is under 16
 - d) they are within prohibited degrees of relationship (as determined under Schedule 12 –)
 - e) either of them is incapable of understanding the nature of a civil partnership