



# Civil Partnership Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 33

### PART 4

#### CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: NORTHERN IRELAND

### CHAPTER 1

#### REGISTRATION

##### *Preliminaries to registration*

#### **144 Place of registration**

- (1) The place at which two people may register as civil partners of each other must be—
  - (a) a registration office, or
  - (b) a place approved under subsection (3).
- (2) Subsection (1) is subject to subsections (5) and (7).
- (3) A local registration authority may, in accordance with regulations under subsection (4), approve places where civil partnerships may be registered in its district.
- (4) Regulations under section 159 may make provision for or in connection with the approval of places under subsection (3), including provision as to—
  - (a) the kinds of place in respect of which approvals may be granted,
  - (b) the procedure to be followed in relation to applications for approval,
  - (c) the considerations to be taken into account in determining whether to approve any places,
  - (d) the duration and renewal of approvals (whether for one occasion or for a period),
  - (e) the conditions that must or may be imposed on granting or renewing an approval,

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- (f) the determination and charging of fees in respect of [en rule]
    - (i) applications for the approval of places,
    - (ii) the renewal of approvals, and
    - (iii) the attendance by registrars at places approved under the regulations,
  - (g) the circumstances in which a local registration authority must or may revoke or suspend an approval or vary any of the conditions imposed in relation to an approval,
  - (h) the renewal of decisions made by virtue of the regulations,
  - (i) appeals to a county court from decisions made by virtue of the regulations,
  - (j) the notification to the Registrar General of all approvals granted, renewed, revoked, suspended or varied,
  - (k) the notification to the registrar for the district in which a place approved under the regulations is situated of all approvals relating to such a place which are granted, renewed, revoked, suspended or varied,
  - (l) the keeping by the Registrar General, registrars and local registration authorities of registers of places approved under the regulations, and
  - (m) the issue by the Registrar General of guidance supplementing the provision made by the regulations.
- (5) If either of the parties to a proposed civil partnership gives the registrar a medical statement, the civil partnership may, with the approval of the Registrar General, be registered at any place where that party is.
- (6) In subsection (5) “medical statement”, in relation to any person, means a statement made in the prescribed form by a registered medical practitioner that in his opinion at the time the statement is made—
- (a) by reason of serious illness or serious bodily injury, that person ought not to move or be moved from the place where he is at that time, and
  - (b) it is likely that it will be the case for at least the following 3 months that by reason of illness or disability the person ought not to move or be moved from that place.
- (7) If the Registrar General so directs, a registrar must register a civil partnership in a place specified in the direction.

#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 144 wholly in force at 5.12.2005; s. 144 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 263; s. 144(4)(6) in force at 5.9.2005 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2005/2399](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) and otherwise 5.12.2005 insofar as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/3255](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#); s. 144(1)-(3)(5)(7) in force at 5.12.2005 insofar as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/3255](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#)

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