
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**Civil Partnership (Registration
Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005**

Definitions

2.—(1) In this Order—

“civil partnership officer” means a British Consular officer;

“overseas relationship” means a relationship which is either a specified relationship under Schedule 20 to the Act or a relationship which meets the general conditions in paragraph (2), and is registered (whether before or after the making of this Order) with a responsible authority in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, by two people who under the relevant law are of the same sex at the time when they do so, and neither of whom is already a civil partner or lawfully married;

“the Act” means the Civil Partnership Act 2004;

“United Kingdom national” means a person who is—

- (i) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British Overseas citizen or a British National (Overseas);
- (ii) a British subject under the British Nationality Act 1981(1); or
- (iii) a British protected person, within the meaning of that Act.

(2) The general conditions are that, under the law under which the overseas relationship was registered—

- (a) the relationship may not be entered into if either of the parties is already a party to a relationship of that kind or lawfully married,
- (b) the relationship is of indeterminate duration, and
- (c) the effect of entering into it is that the parties are—
 - (i) treated as a couple either generally or for specified purposes, or
 - (ii) treated as married.