
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This is the third Commencement Order made in relation to the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (c. 30) (“the Act”). The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/2789) (C. 110) brought into force a number of provisions of the Act for the purpose of making subordinate legislation, as well as certain other provisions. The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/93 (C. 3)) brought into force the majority of the provisions of the Act extending marriage to same sex couples under the law of England and Wales.

This Order brings into force certain provisions of the Act for the purpose of making subordinate legislation. The provisions relate to conversion of a civil partnership into a marriage under section 9 of the Act and to where a spouse changes legal gender under the Gender Recognition Act 2004 (c. 7).