
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

PART 7

Amendments: Pensions and Social Security: Secondary Legislation

Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

77. In paragraph 2C of Schedule 2 to the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977⁽¹⁾, for the definition of “couple” substitute—

““couple” means—

- (a) two people who are married to, or civil partners of, each other and are members of the same household, or
- (b) two people who are not married to, or civil partners of, each other but are living together as if spouses of each other;”.

(1) *S.R. (N.I.) 1977/74*. Paragraph 2C of Schedule 2 was inserted by *S.R. (N.I.) 1984/382*, and the definition of “couple” was inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to *S.R. (N.I.) 2005/536*.