
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 Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

95. In regulation 1(2) of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000⁽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. \(N.I.\) 2000/91](#). In regulation 1(2), the definition of “couple” was inserted by paragraph 26 of Schedule 3 to [S.R. \(N.I.\) 2005/536](#).