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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

Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

97. In regulation 1(2) of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001⁽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. \(N.I.\) 2001/213](#). In regulation 1(2), the definition of “couple” was inserted by regulation 8 of [S.R. \(N.I.\) 2005/539](#).