
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Marriage and Civil Partnership
(Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

PART 3

Civil Partnership and Marriage: Conversion from one into the other

Modifications of Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and Civil Partnership Act 2004

15.—(1) The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003⁽¹⁾ has effect with the following modifications—

- (a) the reference in Article 12(3) to not solemnising a marriage is to be read (except for the purposes of Article 38(2)(d)) as if it included a reference to not officiating at a relevant conversion;
- (b) the reference in Article 14(1)(a) to solemnising one or more specified marriages is to be read as if it included a reference to officiating at one or more specified relevant conversions;
- (c) a reference in Article 14(1A) to solemnising marriages of parties who are of the same sex is to be read as if it included a reference to officiating at relevant conversions;
- (d) the reference in Article 17A(1)(b) to solemnising one or more particular marriages between parties of the same sex is to be read as if it included a reference to officiating at one or more particular relevant conversions;
- (e) a reference in the Order (as modified by paragraphs (a) to (d)) to officiating at a relevant conversion is to be read as a reference to officiating at the signing of the conversion declaration in a conversion before an officiant;
- (f) the reference to the Order in Article 26(1) is to be read as if it included a reference to this Part and, in relation to a marriage resulting from the conversion of a convertible Northern Ireland civil partnership, Parts 3 and 4 of the 2014 Regulations;
- (g) the reference in Article 26(3) to both parties having been present at the marriage ceremony is to be read in the case of a marriage resulting from a conversion under this Part, or in the case of a marriage resulting from a conversion under Part 3 or 4 of the 2014 Regulations of a convertible Northern Ireland civil partnership, to both parties having been present at the signing of the conversion declaration;
- (h) the reference in Article 27(2) to a void marriage is to be read as if it included a marriage resulting from a purported conversion under this Part, or a purported conversion under Part 3 or 4 of the 2014 Regulations of a convertible Northern Ireland civil partnership, that has been found by a court to be ineffective;
- (i) the reference to the Order in Article 31(3) is to be read as if it included a reference to this Part.

⁽¹⁾ Article 14 was amended, and Article 17A was inserted, by [S.I. 2020/742](#).

- (2) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 has effect with the following modifications—
- (a) the reference to the Act in section 146(2) is to be read as if it included a reference to this Part and Parts 4 and 5;
 - (b) the reference in section 147(2) to a void civil partnership is to be read as if it included a civil partnership resulting from a purported conversion under this Part, or Part 4 or 5, that has been found by a court to be ineffective;
 - (c) the reference to Part 4 of the Act in section 152(3) is to be read as if it included a reference to this Part.