

A Guide to Civil Partnership Registration



What is Civil Partnership?

The Civil Partnership Act allows same - sex couple to make a formal, legal commitment to each other by registering a civil partnership.

Who is Eligible to Register a Civil Partnership?

Two people who are:

- Of the same sex
- Over 18 (able to provide evidence of consent if 16 or 17)
- Not in an existing Civil Partnership or marriage
- Not related to each within the prohibited degrees of relationship

How would people register?

Couples would give notice of intention to register at a register office, and could sign the civil partnership register 15 days later.

What happens at a Civil Partnership Registration?

The Civil Partnership Register is signed by the couple in the presence of a Civil Partnership Register and two witnesses.

A ceremony may be arranged in addition to the signing if wished.

