



# Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013

## 2013 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### MARRIAGE OF SAME SEX COUPLES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

##### *Part 3 of the Marriage Act 1949*

### 3 Marriage for which no opt-in necessary

In Part 3 of the Marriage Act 1949, for section 26 substitute—

**“26 Marriage of a man and a woman; marriage of same sex couples for which no opt-in necessary**

- (1) The following marriages may be solemnized on the authority of two certificates of a superintendent registrar—
- “(a) a marriage of a man and a woman, in a building registered under section 41, according to such form and ceremony as the persons to be married see fit to adopt;
  - (b) a marriage of any couple in the office of a superintendent registrar;
  - (bb) a marriage of any couple on approved premises;
  - (c) a marriage of a man and a woman according to the usages of the Society of Friends (commonly called Quakers);
  - (d) a marriage between a man and a woman professing the Jewish religion according to the usages of the Jews;
  - (dd) a qualifying residential marriage;
  - (e) a marriage of a man and a woman according to the rites of the Church of England in any church or chapel in which banns of matrimony may be published.”
- (2) In this section “qualifying residential marriage” means—

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- (a) the marriage of a man and a woman (other than a marriage in pursuance of subsection (1)(c) or (d) above), one or each of whom is house-bound or a detained person, at the usual place of residence of the house-bound or detained person or persons, or
- (b) the marriage of a same sex couple (other than a marriage according to the rites of the Church of England or other religious rites or usages), one or each of whom is house-bound or a detained person, at the usual place of residence of the house-bound or detained person or persons.”.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 3 in force at 13.3.2014 by S.I. 2014/93, art. 3(a)

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