

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill

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Raise the minimum age of consent to marriage or civil partnership to eighteen; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Age of consent for marriage

- (1) The Marriage Act 1949 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 2 (marriages of persons under sixteen), for “sixteen” substitute “eighteen”.
- (3) Omit section 3 (marriages of persons under twenty-one). 5

2 Age of consent for civil partnership

- (1) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)(c) of section 3 (eligibility), for “16” substitute “18”.
- (3) Omit section 4 (parental etc. consent where proposed civil partner under 18).

3 Repeals consequential on section 2

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In the Civil Partnership Act 2004, omit the following (which relate to the civil partnership of persons aged under 18)—

- (a) section 5(3)(b);
- (b) section 31(1)(c);
- (c) section 49(c); and
- (d) Schedule 2. 15

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

- (2) This Act comes into force two months after it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act 2019.

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