

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 530.01

**UNIONS OF EQUIVALENT STATUS TO
CIVIL UNIONS REGULATIONS**

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LEGAL NOTICE 209 of 2014, as amended by Legal Notice 223 of 2022.

1. The title of these regulations is the Unions of Equivalent Status to Civil Unions Regulations. Citation.
2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation.
"the Act" means the Civil Unions Act; Cap. 530.
"the Minister" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it by the Act.
3. The list shown in the Schedule contains those civil unions which, in the opinion of the Minister, are unions of equivalent status to civil unions as provided for in the Act. List of unions of equivalent status to civil unions.

SCHEDULE
(Regulation 3)

Substituted by:
L.N. 223 of 2022.

Unions of Equivalent Status

Country - Jurisdiction	Legal Reference	Original Law Title (Title in English)	Name of Partnership 'Original' / English
<u>Andorra</u>	Llei 4 del 21 de febrer 2005	Llei Qualificada de les Unions Estables de Parella 2005 (Qualified Stable Union of Couples Law 2005)	'unió estable de parella' / stable union of a couple
	Llei 34 del 27 de novembre 2014	Llei Qualificada de Les Unions Civils I De Modificació de la Llei Qualificada del Matrimoni, de 30 de juny de 1995 (Qualified Law of Civil Unions and Of Modification of the Qualified Law of Marriage of 30 June, 1995)	'unió civil' / civil union

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<u>Argentina</u>	Ley 26.994 de 2014	Código Civil y Comercial de La Nación <i>(Civil and Commercial Code of Argentina)</i>	‘unión civil’ / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>City of Buenos Aires</i>	Ley 1.004 de 2002	Ley Reconócense las Uniones Civiles en la Cuidad Autonoma de Buenos Aires, Créase el Registro Público al Efecto <i>(Law Recognising Civil Unions in the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Creating the Public Registry for the Effect)</i>	‘unión civil’ / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>City of Rio Cuarto</i>	Ordenanza 279 de 2009	Ley de Unión Civil para parejas del mismo sexo <i>(Civil Union Law for same-sex couples)</i>	‘unión civil’ / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>City of Rio Negro</i>	Ley 3736 de 2002	Ley de Convivencia Homosexual <i>(Homosexual Cohabitation Law)</i>	‘unión civil’ / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>City of Villa Carlos Paz</i>	Art. 55	Cárta Orgánica de la Municipalidad de Villa Carlos Paz <i>(Organic Charter of the Municipality of Villa Carlos Paz)</i>	‘unión civil’ / <i>civil union</i>
<u>Australia</u>			
- <i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	A2012-40 amended to A2017-5 A1994-28	Civil Unions Act 2012 Domestic Relationships Act 1994	‘civil union’ ‘domestic relationship’
- <i>New South Wales</i>	Act 19 of 2010	Relationships Register Act 2010	‘registered partnership’
- <i>Queensland</i>	S.L. 25 of 2018	Civil Partnerships and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2018	‘civil partnership’
- <i>South Australia</i>	Act 67 of 2016	Relationships Register Act 2016	‘registered partnership’
- <i>Tasmania</i>	Act No. 44 of 2003	Relationships Act 2003	‘significant relationship’

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- Victoria	Act No. 12 of 2008	Relationships Act 2008	'registered domestic relationship'
<u>Austria</u>	BGBI. No. 135/2009	Eingetragene Partnerschaft-Gesetz (EPG) (Registered Partnership Act)	'eingetragene Partnerschaft' / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>Brazil</u>	Lei 9.278 de 1996	Constituição Federal (Federal Constitution)	'união estável' / <i>stable union</i>
<u>Canada</u>			
- Alberta	S.A. 2002, c. A-4.5	Adult Interdependent Relationships Act	'adult interdependent relationship'
- Manitoba	S.M. 2002, c. 48 L.M. 2002, c. 48	Common-Law Partners' Property and Related Statutes Amendment Act (English); Loi sur les Biens des Conjoints de fait et Modifications Connexes (French)	'common-law relationship'; 'union de fait'
- Nova Scotia	S.N.S. 2000, c. 29	Law Reform (2000) Act	'domestic partnership'
- Quebec	S.Q. 2002, c. 6 L.Q. 2002, c. 6	An Act instituting Civil Unions and Establishing new rules of Filiation (English); Loi Instituant l'Union Civile et Établissant de Nouvelles Règles de Filiation (French)	'civil union'; 'union civile'
<u>Colombia</u>	Ley 54 de 1990 C-029 of 2009	Law 54 of 1990 of December 28 Constitutional Court Decision C-029 of 2009	'unión de hecho' / <i>de facto union</i>
<u>Chile</u>	Ley 20.830 de 2015	Acuerdo de Unión Civil (Civil Union Agreement)	'unión civil' / <i>civil union</i>
<u>Croatia</u>	NN 92/14	Zakon o životnom partnerstvu osoba istog spola (Same-Sex Life Partnership Act)	'životno partnerstvo' / <i>life partnership</i>

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<u>Cyprus</u>	Law 184(I)/2015	Ο περί Πολιτικής Συμβίωσης Νόμος του 2015 (Civil Partnership Law of 2015)	‘πολιτική συμβίωση’ / <i>civil partnership</i>
<u>Czech Republic</u>	Zákon č. 115/2006	Zákon o Registrovaném Partnerství a o Změně Některých Souvisejících Zákonů (The Registered Partnership Act and the Amendment of Certain Related Acts)	‘registrované mpartnerství’ / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>Denmark</u>	Lov nr. 372 af 07/06/ 1989	Lov om Registreret Partnerskab (Registered Partnership Act) *repealed but applies to partnerships registered before 15 June 2012	‘registreret partnerskab’ / <i>registered partnership</i>
- Greenland	Anordning nr. 320 af 26. April 1996	Anordning om Ikrafttraeden for Groenland af lov om Registreret Partnerskab (Ordinance on the entry into force in Greenland of the Registered Partnership Act)	‘registreret partnerskab’ (Danish); ‘nalunaarsukkamik inooqatigiinneq’ (Greenlandic) / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>Ecuador</u>	Registro Oficial 449 de 2008	Constitución de la Republica del Ecuador 2008 (Constitution of the Republic of Ecuador)	‘unión de hecho’ / <i>de facto union</i>
<u>Estonia</u>	Otsusnr. 506	Kooseluseadus (Registered Partnership Act)	‘kooselu’ / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>Finland</u>	FFS 9.11.2001/950	Laki Rekisteröidystä Parisuhteista (Finnish); Lag om Registrerat Partnerskap (Swedish) (Registered Partnership Act)	‘rekisteröity parisuhde’ (Finnish); ‘registrerat partnerskap’ (Swedish) / <i>registered partnership</i>

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<u>Germany</u>	vom 16. Februar 2001	Gesetz über die Eingetragene Lebenspartnerschaft (Lebenspartnerschaftsgesetz - LPartG) (Act on Registered Life Partnerships)	'Lebenspartnerschaft' / <i>life partnership</i>
<u>Greece</u>	Noμος 3719/2008 Noμος 4356/2015	Μεταρρυθμίσεις για την οικογένεια, το παιδί, την κοινωνία και άλλες διατάξεις; (Law concerning reforms for the family, the child, the society and other provisions) Σύμφωνο συμβίωσης, άσκηση δικαιωμάτων, ποινικές και άλλες διατάξεις (Law concerning cohabitation agreement, exercise of rights, penal and other provisions)	'σύμφωνο συμβίωσης' / <i>cohabitation agreement</i>
<u>Hungary</u>	2009. évi XXIX	Törvény a Bejegyzett Élettársi Kapcsolatról, az Ezzel Összefüggő, Valamint az Élettársi Viszony Igazolásának Megkönnyítéséhez Szükséges Egyes Törvények Módosításáról (Act on Registered Partnership and Related Legislation and on the Amendment of Other Statutes to Facilitate the Proof of Cohabitation)	'bejegyzett élettársi kapcsolatról' / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>Iceland</u>	Lög nr. 8712. júní 1996	Lög um Staðfesta Samvist (Law on Confirmed Cohabitation) *repealed in 2010 but applies to cohabitations registered under it.	'staðfesta samvist' / <i>confirmed cohabitation</i>

<u>Ireland</u>	No. 24 of 2010	Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010	'civil partnership'
<u>Italy</u>	Legge 20 maggio 2016 n. 76	Regolamentazione delle unioni civili tra persone dello stesso sesso e disciplina delle convivenze <i>(Regulation of Civil Unions Between People of the Same Sex and the Regulations for Cohabitation)</i>	'unione civile' / <i>civil union</i>
<u>Liechtenstein</u>	LGBI nr. 2011.350 LGBI nr. 2011.402	Gesetzes über die Eingetragene Partnerschaft Gleichgeschlechtlicher Paare (Partnerschaftsgesetz; PartG) <i>(Act on the Registered Partnership of Same-Sex Couples – Partnership Act)</i> Verordnung über die eingetragene Partnerschaft gleichgeschlechtlicher Paare (Partnerschaftsverordnung ; PartV) <i>(Regulations on the Registered Partnership of Same-Sex Couples – Partnership Regulation)</i>	'eingetragene Partnerschaft' / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>Luxembourg</u>	Loi du 9 juillet 2004 Gesetz vom 9. Juli 2004	Loi Relative aux Effets Légaux de Certains Partenariats (<i>French</i>); Gesetz über die Rechtswirkungen Bestimmter Lebenspartnerschaften (<i>German</i>) <i>(Law on the Legal Effects of Certain Partnerships)</i>	'partenariat enregistré'; 'eingetragene Partnerschaft' / <i>registered partnership</i>

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<u>Mexico</u>			
- <i>Campeche</i>	Decreto No. 113, 27 Dec. 2013	Ley Regulatoria de Sociedades Civiles de Convivencia para el Estado de Campeche (Regulatory Act on Civil Unions of the State of Campeche)	'sociedad civil de convivencia' / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>Coahuila</i>	Decreto No. 209, 11 Jan. 2007	Pacto Civil de Solidaridad (Civil Solidarity Pact)	'pacto civil de solidaridad' / <i>civil solidarity pact</i>
- <i>Colima</i>	Decreto No. 466, 24 Mar. 2018	Ley para Regular la Convivencia Civil en el Estado de Colima y sus Municipios (Law to Regulate Civil Unions in the State of Colima and its Municipalities)	'convivencia civil' / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>Jalisco</i>	Número 24486/LX/13	Ley de Libre Convivencia para el Estado de Jalisco (Law on Free Cohabitation of the State of Jalisco)	'libre convivencia' / <i>free cohabitation</i>
- <i>Michoacán</i>	Decreto No. 554, 30 Sep. 2015	Código Familiar Para el Estado de Michoacán de Ocampo (Family Code of the State of Michoacán of Ocampo)	'sociedad de convivencia' / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>Tlaxcala</i>	Decreto No. 309, 11 Jan. 2017	Ley de Sociedades Solidaria para el Estado de Tlaxcala (Civil Unions Act of the State of Tlaxcala)	'sociedad de convivencia solidaria' / <i>civil union</i>
- <i>Mexico City Federal District</i>	16 Nov. 2006	Ley de Sociedad de Convivencia para el Distrito Federal (Civil Union Act of the Federal District)	'sociedad de convivencia' / <i>civil union</i>
<u>Montenegro</u>	Broj 67/2020 od 07.07.2020	Zakon o Životnom Partnerstvu Lica Istog Pola (Same-Sex Life Partnership Act)	'životnog partnerstva' / <i>life partnership</i>

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<u>Netherlands</u>	Wet van 17 December 1997	Wet tot Aanpassing van Wetgeving aan de Invoering van het Geregistreerd Partnerschap in Boek 1 van het Burgerlijk Wetboek <i>(Act to Amend Book 1 of the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure to introduce provisions on registered partnership)</i>	‘geregistreeerde partnerschap’ / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>New Zealand</u>	Act No. 102, 2004	Civil Union Act 2004	‘civil union’
<u>Norway</u>	Lov nr. 40, 30 April 1993	Lov om Registrert Partnerska <i>(Registered Partnership Act)</i>	‘registrert partnerskap’ / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>Paraguay</u>	20 de junio de 1992	Constitución de la República del Paraguay <i>(Constitution of Paraguay)</i>	‘union de hecho’ / <i>de facto union</i>
<u>Portugal</u>	Lei n. 7/2001 de 11 de Maio	Adopta medidas de protecção das uniões de facto <i>(Adopting Measures to Protect De Facto Unions)</i>	‘união de facto’ / <i>de facto union</i>
<u>San Marino</u>	Legge 20 novembre 2018 n. 147	Regolamentazione delle Unioni Civili <i>(Civil Unions Regulations)</i>	‘unione civile’ / <i>civil union</i>
<u>Slovenia</u>	Št. 33/2016	Zakon o Partnerski Zvezi (ZPZ) <i>(Civil Union Act)</i>	‘partnerska zveza’ / <i>partnership</i>
<u>Spain</u>	Ley 2/2003	Ley de las Parejas de Hecho <i>(De Facto Couples Act)</i> *provides for civil unions but they are separately regulated regionally.	‘parejas de hecho’ / <i>de facto couples</i>
- <i>Andalucia</i>	Ley 5/2002	Ley de Parejas de Hecho <i>(De Facto Couples Act)</i>	‘parejas de hecho’ / <i>de facto couples</i>

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- Aragón	Decreto 1/2011	Decreto Legislativo que se aprueba el 'Código del Derecho Foral de Aragón', el Texto Refundido de las Leyes civiles aragonesas <i>(Legislative Decree that approves the "Code of Foral Law of Aragon", the Consolidated Text of Aragonese Civil Laws)</i>	
- Asturias	Ley 4/2002 Decreto 71/94	Ley de Parejas Estables <i>(Stable Couples Act)</i> Decreto por el que se crea el Registro de Uniones de Hecho <i>(Decree to create a Registry for De Facto Unions)</i>	'union de hecho' / <i>de facto union</i>
- Balearic Islands	Ley 18/2001	Ley de Parejas Estables <i>(Stable Union Act)</i>	'parejas estables' / <i>stable union</i>
- Canary Islands	Ley 5/2003	Ley para la Regulación de las Parejas de Hecho en la Comunidad Autónoma de Canarias <i>(Law regulating Domestic Partners in the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands)</i>	'parejas de hecho' / <i>de facto couples</i>
- Cantabria	Ley 1/2005	Ley de Parejas de Hecho de la Comunidad Autónoma de Cantabria <i>(Law on De Facto Couples in the Autonomous Community of Cantabria)</i>	'parejas de hecho' / <i>de facto couples</i>
- Catalonia	Ley 25/2010	Ley del libro Segundo del Código Civil de Cataluña, relativo a la persona y la familia <i>(Law of the second book of the Civil Code of Catalonia, relating to the person and the family)</i>	'union estables' / <i>stable union</i>

- Extremaduro	Ley 5/2003	Ley de Parejas de Hecho de la Comunidad Autónoma de Extremadura <i>(Law on De Facto Couples in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura)</i>	'parejas de hecho' / <i>de facto couples</i>
- Galicia	Ley 10/2007	Ley de reforma de la Disposición Adicional Tercera de la Ley 2/2006, de Derecho Civil de Galicia <i>(Third Additional Provision of Law 2/2006 relating to the Rules regulating Civil Law in Galicia)</i>	'parejas de hecho' / <i>de facto couples</i>
- Murcia	Ley 7/2018	Ley de Parejas de Hecho de la Comunidad Autónoma de la Región de Murcia <i>(Law on De Facto Couples of the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia)</i>	'parejas de hecho' / <i>de facto couples</i>
- Navarra	Ley 6/2000	Ley para la Igualdad Jurídica de las Parejas Estables <i>(Law for the Legal Equality of Stable Couples)</i>	'parejas estables' / <i>stable couples</i>
- Basque Country	Ley 2/2003	Ley de Parejas de Hecho <i>(De Facto Couples Act)</i>	'parejas de hecho' / <i>de facto couples</i>
<u>South Africa</u>	No. 17 of 2006	Civil Unions Act	'civil partnership'
<u>Sweden</u>	SFS 1994:1117	Lag om Registrerat Partnerskap <i>(Registered Partnership Act)</i>	'registrerat partnerskap' / <i>registered partnership</i>

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<u>Switzerland</u>	vom 18. Juni 2004 du 18 juin 2004 del 18 giugno 2004	Bundesgesetz über die Eingetragene Partnerschaft Gleichgeschlechtlicher Paare (<i>German</i>); Loi Fédérale sur le Partenariat Enregistré entre Personnes du Même Sexe (<i>French</i>); Legge sull'Unione Domestica Registrata (<i>Italian</i>) (<i>Federal Act on Registered Partnerships for Same-Sex Couples</i>)	'eingetragene Partnerschaft'(<i>German</i>); 'partnenariat enregistré' (<i>French</i>); 'unione domestica registrata' (<i>Italian</i>) / <i>registered partnership</i>
<u>United Kingdom</u>			
- <i>England and Wales</i>	Chapter 33 No. 1458 of 2019	Civil Partnership Act 2004 The Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) Regulations 2019	'civil partnership'
- <i>Isle of Man</i>	AT 2 of 2011	Civil Partnership Act 2011	'civil partnership'
- <i>Jersey</i>	12.360	Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012	'civil partnership'
- <i>Northern Ireland</i>	No. 1514 of 2019	The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019	'civil partnership'
- <i>Scotland</i>	2020 asp 15	Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020	'civil partnership'
<u>United States of America</u>			
- <i>Arizona (Phoenix)</i>			
o <i>Bisbee</i>		Chapter 17: City Code	'civil union'
o <i>Clarkdale</i>		Article 8-5: Clarkdale Town Code	'civil union'
o <i>Cottonwood</i>		Chapter 16: Cottonwood Municipal Code	'civil union'
o <i>Jerome</i>		Chapter 17: Jerome Town Code	'civil union'
o <i>Phoenix</i>	Ordinance G-5295	City of Phoenix Ordinance	'domestic partnership'

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o <i>Sedona</i>		Sedona Civil Union Ordinance	'civil union'
o <i>Tucson</i>		Tucson Civil Union Ordinance	'civil union'
- <i>California</i>	AB 205 (Cal. Family Code § 297 <i>et seq.</i>)	Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003	'domestic relationship'
- <i>Colorado</i>	CRS §14-15-102 <i>et seq.</i>	Colorado Civil Union Act	'civil union'
- <i>Connecticut</i>	Public Act No. 05-10	Chapter 815f: Civil Union	'civil union'
- <i>Delaware</i>	13 Del. Code § 218	Civil Union and Equality Act of 2011	'civil union'
- <i>District of Columbia</i>	D.C. Code § 32-702(a)	Health Care Benefits Expansion Act	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Georgia (city/county-based)</i>		Atlanta, Municipal Code, §§ 94-131 to 94-138 Athens-Clarke County, Municipal Code, §§ 1-23-1 to 1-23-7 Fulton County, Municipal Code, §§ 154-468 to 154-481	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Hawaii</i>		Chapter 572B: Civil Unions	'civil union'
- <i>Illinois</i>	750 ILCS 75/	Illinois Religions Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act	'civil union'
- <i>Kansas</i>	Chapter 2.150	Code of the City of Lawrence City of Topeka Municipal	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Louisiana</i>	Chapter 87, § 87.2	New Orleans City Code	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Maine</i>	P.L. 2003, c. 672	An Act to Promote the Financial Security of Maine's Families and Children	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Maryland</i>		Health Care Facility Visitation & Medical Decisions Act 2008	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Missouri</i>		Various city and county ordinances	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Minnesota</i>		Various city-based ordinances	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Nevada</i>	NRS 122A	Chapter 122A: Domestic Partnerships	'domestic partnership'

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- <i>New Jersey</i>	Chapter 246, P.L. 2003	Domestic Partnership Act	'domestic partnership'
	Chapter 103, P.L. 2006	Civil Union Law	'civil union'
- <i>Oregon</i>	O.R.S 106.300	Oregon Family Fairness Act, 2007 c.99 §1	'domestic partnership'
- <i>Rhode Island</i>	RI H6103	An Act Relating To Domestic Relations – Civil Unions	'civil union'
- <i>Vermont</i>		Title 15: Domestic Relations (Chapter 23: Civil Unions)	'civil union'
- <i>Washington</i>	RCW 26.60	State Registered Domestic partnership (SRDP)	'state registered domestic partnership'
- <i>Wisconsin</i>	Act No. 28 of 2009	Chapter 770: Domestic Partnership	'domestic partnership'
<u>Uruguay</u>	Ley No. 18/246	Ley de Unión Concubinaria (Civil Union Act)	'unión concubinaria' / <i>civil union</i>