

26 June 2013



Introduction of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

[Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Bill \(As Introduced\)](#)

[Explanatory Notes](#)

[Policy Memorandum](#)

[Delegated Powers Memorandum](#)

27 June – 23 August 2013



Stage 1 – written evidence

The Equal Opportunities Committee gathered written evidence from the public and organisations.

[Summary of the evidence submitted](#)

5 September – 7 November 2013



Stage 1 – lead committee consideration

The Equal Opportunities Committee questioned representatives from a range of organisations at five meetings. It ended by hearing from the Scottish Government Minister who had introduced the bill.

8 November 2013



The Equal Opportunities Committee published its stage 1 report on the bill.

[Stage 1 report on the Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

20 November 2013

[Video clip](#)

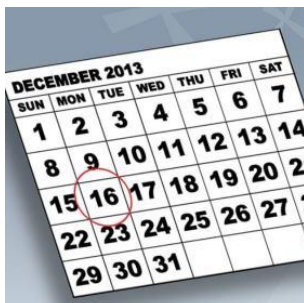
Stage 1 debate

The Parliament debated and agreed to the general principles of the bill in the Chamber.

[Official Report of the stage 1 debate](#)

[Video of the stage 1 debate](#)

16 December 2013



12 noon deadline for lodging amendments for day one of stage 2

[Marshalled list of Amendments for stage 2, day 1](#)

[Groupings of Amendments for stage 2, day 1](#)

19 December 2013

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Stage 2 – day one

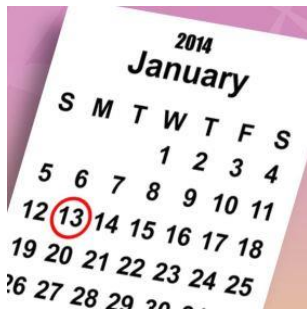
The Equal Opportunities Committee began considering amendments to the bill.

[Minutes of the meeting](#)

[Official Report of the meeting](#)

[Video of the meeting](#)

13 January 2014

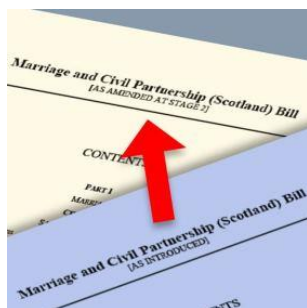


12 noon deadline for lodging amendments for day two of stage 2

[Marshalled list of Amendments for stage 2, day 2](#)

[Groupings of Amendments for stage 2, day 2](#)

16 January 2014



Stage 2 – day two

The Equal Opportunities Committee completed consideration of amendments to the bill.

[Minutes of the meeting](#)

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[Video of the meeting](#)

29 January 2014



4.30pm deadline for lodging amendments for stage 3

[Marshalled list of Amendments for stage 3](#)

[Groupings of Amendments for stage 3](#)

4 February 2014

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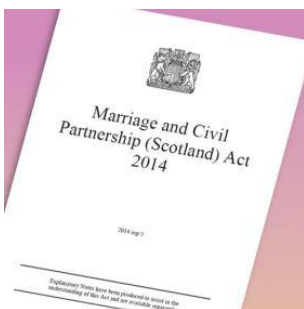
Stage 3 proceeding in the Chamber

After considering further amendments, MSPs debated the motion on whether the bill should be passed. At Decision Time, the Parliament voted in favour of passing the bill.

[Official Report of the stage 3 proceedings](#)

[Video of stage 3 proceedings](#)

12 March 2014



The bill received Royal Assent and became the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014.

[The Marriage and Civil Partnership \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#)

16 December 2014



Scottish statutory instruments giving effect to the measures in the Act relating to same-sex marriage came into force. Other sections of the Act came into force at different times.

[Information about implementation is available on the Scottish Government website.](#)