



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

Zimbabwe



What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?



LEGAL RECOGNITION FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Civil marriage, registered	Zimbabwe	Marriage Act, Chapter 5:11	No
Customary marriage, registered	Zimbabwe	Customary Marriages Act, Chapter 5:07	No
Customary-law union, not registered	Zimbabwe	The union involves a man and woman living together after fulfilling cultural marriage ceremonies, such as a <i>lobola</i> payment, but without signing the legally required marriage register.	No

■ **Sources:**

Primary

- Constitution of Zimbabwe (2013), *available at* https://www.constituteproject.org/constitution/Zimbabwe__2013.pdf.
- Zimbabwe Marriage Act, Chapter 5:11, *available at* <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/vitalstatkb/KnowledgebaseArticle50180.aspx>.
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- Africa for Women's Rights, Zimbabwe, *available at* http://www.africa4womensrights.org/public/Dossier_of_Claims/Zimbabwe-UK.pdf.
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