



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

**Egypt**



**What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?**



LEGAL RECOGNITIONS FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Marriage, official (registered)	Egypt	Law No. 1 of 2000 (Reorganization of Certain Terms and Procedures of Litigation in Personal Status Matter), <i>al-Jarida al-Rasmiyyah</i> , 29 Jan. 2000 (Egypt).	No
Marriage, traditional ( <i>urfi</i> )*	Egypt	Common law/traditional marriage (“urfi”).	No

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\* Common-law or traditional marriage, called *urfi*, consists of a contract between two partners that must be witnessed by two males. The contract can be registered in court but does not have to be (and no additional rights are granted by being registered, but it does mean the partners cannot deny having signed the contract).