



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

Vietnam



What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?



LEGAL RECOGNITION FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Marriage	Vietnam	Law on Marriage and Family, June 19, 2014, art. 8(2).	No.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2015, Vietnam’s Law on Marriage and Family was revised such that same-sex marriages are no longer “forbidden.” Instead, the law now states that same-sex marriages will not be recognized. Law on Marriage and Family, June 19, 2014, art. 8(2). Along with the repeal of fines for same-sex weddings in 2013, this change has allowed same-sex couples to hold ceremonial weddings without breaking the law. However, same-sex relationships still lack any legal recognition in Vietnam.

■ **Sources:**

Primary

- Law on Marriage and Family, June 19, 2014, art. 8(2), available at <http://vbpl.vn/TW/Pages/vbpqen.aspx> (Vietnam’s governing statute on marriage and family issues).
- Decree No. 110/2013/ND-CP, Sept. 24, 2013 (Vietnam) (includes changes to the Marriage and Family Law), available at http://www.itpc.gov.vn/investors/how_to_invest/law/Decree_No.110_2013/mldocument_view/?set_language=en.

Secondary

- *Confusion, Optimism Remain as Vietnam Decriminalizes Gay Marriage*, Voice of America (Jan. 26, 2015), <http://www.voanews.com/content/confusion-optimism-remain-as-vietnam-decriminalizes-gay-marriage/2613770.html> (describing impact of recent revisions in the law regarding same-sex marriages).
- *Vietnam removes ban on same sex marriage*, Tuoi Tre News (June 20, 2014), <http://tuoitrenews.vn/society/20478/vietnam-removes-ban-on-same-sex-marriage> (explaining recent amendment to the Law on Marriage and Family that removes language expressly banning same-sex marriage, although same-sex marriage still is not legally recognized in the country).
- *Vietnam to remove fines on same-sex marriage*, Tuoi Tre News (Oct. 3, 2013), <http://tuoitrenews.vn/society/13750/vietnam-to-remove-fines-on-samesex-marriage> (explaining that public wedding ceremonies will no longer be fined).