



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

## Virgin Islands

(Commonly known as the British Virgin Islands)

(NOTE: The Virgin Islands of the United States, also referred to as the U.S. Virgin Islands, is covered by a separate report.)



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



LEGAL RECOGNITION FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Marriage, registered	Virgin Islands	Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 272).	No*

#### Sources:

- The Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007, Chapter 2, Article 20, available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2007/1678/article/20/made>.
- Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 272).
- Matrimonial Proceedings and Property Act 1995.
- UK Will Not Force BVI To Accept Same Sex Marriage – Governor, January 20, 2014, BVI Platinum News, available at <http://archive.is/20140121065523/www.bviplatinum.com/news.php?page=Article&articleID=1390223634>.
- BVI Civil Registry and Passport Office website, <http://crisvi.gov.vg>.

\*The Virgin Islands is a British Overseas Territory, and on the basis of the constitutional relationship between the Virgin Islands and the U.K., the U.K. could potentially impose recognition of same-sex marriage in the Virgin Islands by way of an Order-in-Council. However, in an interview with *BVI Platinum News* on January 20, 2014, Boyd McCleary, the BVI governor at that time, stated that the U.K. would not require the BVI to recognize same-sex marriage by issuing an Order-in-Council.