



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

Sierra Leone



What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?



LEGAL RECOGNITIONS FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Christian marriage, registered	Sierra Leone	Christian Marriage Act.	No
Civil marriage, registered	Sierra Leone	Civil Marriage Act.	No
Muslim marriage, optionally registered	Sierra Leone	Muslim Marriage Act.	No
Customary marriage, registered	Sierra Leone	Registration of Customary Marriage and Divorce Act (and in accordance with local customary law).	No

Sources:

Primary:

- The Laws of Sierra Leone, Chapter 95, Christian Marriage Act (1960).
- The Laws of Sierra Leone, Chapter 96, Muslim Marriage Act (1960).
- The Laws of Sierra Leone, Chapter 97, Civil Marriage Act (1960).
- The Laws of Sierra Leone, Chapter 98, Foreign Marriage Act (1960).
- The Laws of Sierra Leone, Chapter 99, Marriage of British Subjects (Facilities) Ordinance (1960).
- The Laws of Sierra Leone, Chapter 102, Matrimonial Causes Act (1960).
- Foreign Marriage (Recognition) Act (1966).
- Registration of Customary Marriage and Divorce Act (2009).

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Secondary:

- PO. Davies (2005) Marriage, Divorce, and Inheritance Laws in Sierra Leone and Their Discriminatory Effects on Women. *Human Rights Brief* 12(3): 17–20.
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