



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

China



What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?



| LEGAL RECOGNITION FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE | GEOGRAPHY | LAW | AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE? |
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| Marriage, registered | China | Marriage Law of the People's Republic of China | No |
| <i>De facto</i> , not registered—available only to two parties of the opposite sex who have complied with marriage requirements and have lived together as husband and wife since before Feb. 1, 1994. | China | Interpretation No. I of the Supreme People's Court on Several Issues in the Application of Marriage Law of the People's Republic of China (2001). | No |

Sources:

- Marriage Law of the People's Republic of China (2011).
- Regulation on Marriage Registration of the People's Republic of China, *available at* <http://www.shmzj.gov.cn/gb/shmzj/node896/node897/node902/userobject1ai24167.html>.
- Interpretation No. I of the Supreme People's Court on Several Issues in the Application of Marriage Law of the People's Republic of China, (2001), *English translation available at* <http://en.pkulaw.cn/display.aspx?cgid=38081&lib=law>.