

Appendix F: Close Relative Definitions

Close Relative – parent, parent-in-law (including civil partner's parent), son, son-in-law (including son's civil partner), daughter, daughter-in-law (including daughter's civil partner), brother, sister, step-parent (including a parent's civil partner), stepson (including civil partner's son), stepdaughter (including civil partner's daughter) or the partners of any of these.

It also includes half-brothers and sisters. Relations with in-laws and step-relatives are severed by divorce (or dissolution of a civil partnership) but arguably not by death – e.g. a step child is still a stepchild after the death of her/his mother.