

《2014年3月起英国同性可以结婚啦！》



The first same-sex weddings in England and Wales will be able to take place from 29 March 2014, Equalities Minister Maria Miller says.

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Initially it was thought the first marriages would not take place until next summer.

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Couples wishing to be among the first to marry will need to give formal notice of their intention by 13 March.

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It comes after the government's controversial legislation on the issue received Royal Assent in July.

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The Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat leaderships all backed the proposals.

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MPs approved the principle of same-sex marriage despite opposition from many Conservatives, which caused tensions in the party. Most Lib Dem and Labour MPs supported the move.

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The Church of England, the Church in Wales and other faith groups stated their opposition.

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Following the passing of the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act, the government has been able to put in place the necessary arrangements much faster than previously thought.

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