

Table 5.2

Countries where same-sex marriage is legal nationwide, as of May 2015

Country	Year First Recognized
The Netherlands	2001
Belgium	2003
Canada	2005
Spain	2005
South Africa	2006
Norway	2008
Sweden	2009
Argentina	2010
Iceland	2010
Portugal	2010
Denmark	2012
France	2013
Brazil	2013
Uruguay	2013
New Zealand	2013
United Kingdom	2013
Finland	2014
Ireland	2015

NOTE: Countries that offer most or all spousal rights to same-sex and couples, but stop short of marriage, include the following: Germany, and Italy. Countries that offer some spousal rights to same-sex couples include the following: Croatia, Hungary, Israel, and Switzerland.