



Northern Ireland Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 47

PART VII

HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Equality of opportunity

73 The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

- (1) There shall be a body corporate to be known as the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.
- (2) The Commission shall consist of not less than 14 nor more than 20 Commissioners appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall appoint—
 - (a) one Commissioner as Chief Commissioner; and
 - (b) at least one Commissioner as Deputy Chief Commissioner.
- (4) In making appointments under this section, the Secretary of State shall as far as practicable secure that the Commissioners, as a group, are representative of the community in Northern Ireland.
- (5) Schedule 8 (which makes supplementary provision about the Commission) shall have effect.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 73(5): transfer of certain functions (1.12.1999) by [S.R. 1999/481](#), arts. 1, 4, [Sch. 2 Pt. 1](#)

Commencement Information

II S. 73 partly in force; s. 73 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 101(3); s. 73 in force for specified purposes at 15.2.1999 by [S.I. 1999/340](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. Pt. 2](#); s. 73(1) in force for further specified

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purposes and s. 73(2)-(5) in force at 2.8.1999 and s. 73(1) in force for further specified purposes at 1.10.1999 by [S.I. 1999/2204](#), [arts. 2, 3](#)

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