
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 869

The Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

PART IV

OTHER UNLAWFUL ACTS

[^{F1}Relationships which have come to end

27A.—(1) In this Article a “relevant relationship” is a relationship during the course of which, by virtue of any provision referred to in Article 3(1B), taken with Article 3(1) or (1A), or (as the case may be) by virtue of Article 4A—

- (a) an act of discrimination by one party to the relationship (“the relevant party”) against another party to the relationship, on grounds of race or ethnic or national origins, or
- (b) harassment of another party to the relationship by the relevant party,

is unlawful.

(2) Where a relevant relationship has come to an end it is unlawful for the relevant party—

- (a) to discriminate against another party, on grounds of race or ethnic or national origins, by subjecting him to a detriment, or
- (b) to subject another party to harassment,

where the discrimination or harassment arises out of and is closely connected to that relationship.

(3) In paragraph (1) reference to an act of discrimination or harassment which is unlawful includes, in the case of a relationship which has come to an end before 19th July 2003, reference to such an act which would, after that date, be unlawful.

(4) For the purposes of any proceedings in respect of an unlawful act under paragraph (2) that act shall be treated as falling within circumstances relevant for the purposes of such of the provisions or Parts referred to in paragraph (1) as determine most closely the nature of the relevant relationship.]

Changes to legislation:

The Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, Section 27A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 February 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 17 s.50 Sch.4 para.41](#)
- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 32 s.74\(1\)Sch.4 para.24](#)