



Equality Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 3

PART 1

THE COMMISSION FOR EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

General powers

15 Codes of practice: supplemental

- (1) The Commission may revise a code issued under section 14; and a reference in this section or in that section to the issue of a code shall be treated as including a reference to the revision of a code.
- (2) The 40 day period specified in section 14(8)—
 - (a) shall begin with the date on which the draft is laid before both Houses (or, if laid before each House on a different date, with the later date), and
 - (b) shall be taken not to include a period during which—
 - (i) Parliament is prorogued or dissolved, or
 - (ii) both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (3) A code issued under section 14 may be revoked by the Secretary of State, at the request of the Commission, by order.
- (4) A failure to comply with a provision of a code shall not of itself make a person liable to criminal or civil proceedings; but a code—
 - (a) shall be admissible in evidence in criminal or civil proceedings, and
 - (b) shall be taken into account by a court or tribunal in any case in which it appears to the court or tribunal to be relevant.
- (5) Subsection (4)(b) does not apply in relation to a code issued under section 14(4).
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 14 so as to vary the range of matters that codes of practice under that section may address.