



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 3

SERVICES AND PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

Supplementary

30 Ships and hovercraft

- (1) This Part (subject to subsection (2)) applies only in such circumstances as are prescribed in relation to—
 - (a) transporting people by ship or hovercraft;
 - (b) a service provided on a ship or hovercraft.
- (2) Section 29(6) applies in relation to the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1); but in so far as it relates to disability discrimination, section 29(6) applies to those matters only in such circumstances as are prescribed.
- (3) It does not matter whether the ship or hovercraft is within or outside the United Kingdom.
- (4) “Ship” has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.
- (5) “Hovercraft” has the same meaning as in the Hovercraft Act 1968.
- (6) Nothing in this section affects the application of any other provision of this Act to conduct outside England and Wales or Scotland.

Commencement Information

- II** [S. 30](#) wholly in force at 1.10.2012; [s. 30](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 216](#); [s. 30](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2010 by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#); [s. 30](#) in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

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31 Interpretation and exceptions

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) A reference to the provision of a service includes a reference to the provision of goods or facilities.
- (3) A reference to the provision of a service includes a reference to the provision of a service in the exercise of a public function.
- (4) A public function is a function that is a function of a public nature for the purposes of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- (5) Where an employer arranges for another person to provide a service only to the employer's employees—
 - (a) the employer is not to be regarded as the service-provider, but
 - (b) the employees are to be regarded as a section of the public.
- (6) A reference to a person requiring a service includes a reference to a person who is seeking to obtain or use the service.
- (7) A reference to a service-provider not providing a person with a service includes a reference to—
 - (a) the service-provider not providing the person with a service of the quality that the service-provider usually provides to the public (or the section of it which includes the person), or
 - (b) the service-provider not providing the person with the service in the manner in which, or on the terms on which, the service-provider usually provides the service to the public (or the section of it which includes the person).
- (8) In relation to the provision of a service by either House of Parliament, the service-provider is the Corporate Officer of the House concerned; and if the service involves access to, or use of, a place in the Palace of Westminster which members of the public are allowed to enter, both Corporate Officers are jointly the service-provider.
- (9) Schedule 2 (reasonable adjustments) has effect.
- (10) Schedule 3 (exceptions) has effect.

Commencement Information

- I2** S. 31 wholly in force at 1.10.2012; s. 31 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 216; s. 31 in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2010 by S.I. 2010/2317, art. 2(3); s. 31(9) in force so far as not already in force at 1.9.2012 by S.I. 2012/2184, art. 2(a); s. 31(1)-(8)(10) in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/1569, art. 3(a)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)