



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 2

#### EQUALITY: KEY CONCEPTS

### CHAPTER 1

#### PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

#### **4 The protected characteristics**

The following characteristics are protected characteristics—

- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- marriage and civil partnership;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- sex;
- sexual orientation.

**Changes to legislation:**

Equality Act 2010, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 July 2017. 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.

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- Pt. 12 Ch. 2A inserted by [2017 c. 21 s. 17\(1\)](#)
- s. 1(2A)(aa) inserted by [2017 c. 4 s. 45\(2\)](#)
- s. 208(5)(fa) inserted by [2017 c. 21 s. 17\(3\)](#)
- s. 216(6)(7) inserted by [2017 c. 4 s. 45\(6\)](#)