



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 5

#### WORK

#### CHAPTER 1

##### EMPLOYMENT, ETC.

##### *Trade organisations*

### 57 Trade organisations

- (1) A trade organisation (A) must not discriminate against a person (B)—
  - (a) in the arrangements A makes for deciding to whom to offer membership of the organisation;
  - (b) as to the terms on which it is prepared to admit B as a member;
  - (c) by not accepting B's application for membership.
- (2) A trade organisation (A) must not discriminate against a member (B)—
  - (a) in the way it affords B access, or by not affording B access, to opportunities for receiving a benefit, facility or service;
  - (b) by depriving B of membership;
  - (c) by varying the terms on which B is a member;
  - (d) by subjecting B to any other detriment.
- (3) A trade organisation must not, in relation to membership of it, harass—
  - (a) a member, or
  - (b) an applicant for membership.
- (4) A trade organisation (A) must not victimise a person (B)—

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- (a) in the arrangements A makes for deciding to whom to offer membership of the organisation;
  - (b) as to the terms on which it is prepared to admit B as a member;
  - (c) by not accepting B's application for membership.
- (5) A trade organisation (A) must not victimise a member (B)—
- (a) in the way it affords B access, or by not affording B access, to opportunities for receiving a benefit, facility or service;
  - (b) by depriving B of membership;
  - (c) by varying the terms on which B is a member;
  - (d) by subjecting B to any other detriment.
- (6) A duty to make reasonable adjustments applies to a trade organisation.
- (7) A trade organisation is—
- (a) an organisation of workers,
  - (b) an organisation of employers, or
  - (c) any other organisation whose members carry on a particular trade or profession for the purposes of which the organisation exists.

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**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):

- 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](#)