



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 9

#### ENFORCEMENT

### CHAPTER 2

#### CIVIL COURTS

#### 119 Remedies

- (1) This section applies if [<sup>F1</sup>the county court] or the sheriff finds that there has been a contravention of a provision referred to in section 114(1).
- (2) The county court has power to grant any remedy which could be granted by the High Court—
  - (a) in proceedings in tort;
  - (b) on a claim for judicial review.
- (3) The sheriff has power to make any order which could be made by the Court of Session—
  - (a) in proceedings for reparation;
  - (b) on a petition for judicial review.
- (4) An award of damages may include compensation for injured feelings (whether or not it includes compensation on any other basis).
- (5) Subsection (6) applies if the county court or sheriff—
  - (a) finds that a contravention of a provision referred to in section 114(1) is established by virtue of section 19 [<sup>F2</sup>or 19A], but
  - (b) is satisfied that the provision, criterion or practice was not applied with the intention of discriminating against the claimant or pursuer.

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- (6) The county court or sheriff must not make an award of damages unless it first considers whether to make any other disposal.
- (7) The county court or sheriff must not grant a remedy other than an award of damages or the making of a declaration unless satisfied that no criminal matter would be prejudiced by doing so.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 119(1) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 52](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), [arts. 3-11](#))
- F2** Words in s. 119(5)(a) inserted (1.1.2024) by [The Equality Act 2010 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1425\)](#), regs. 1(2), [3\(5\)](#)

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#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 119 wholly in force; s. 119 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 216; s. 119 in force at 1.10.2010 by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(9\)\(f\)](#) (with [art. 15](#), and subject to transitional provision in [art. 7](#))

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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](#)