



Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 34

National security

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After section 67 of the 1976 Act there is inserted—

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- (1) Rules may make provision for enabling a court in which relevant proceedings have been brought, where it considers it expedient in the interests of national security—
 - (a) to exclude from all or part of the proceedings—
 - (i) the claimant;
 - (ii) the claimant’s representatives; or
 - (iii) the assessors (if any) appointed by virtue of section 67(4);
 - (b) to permit a claimant or representative who has been excluded to make a statement to the court before the commencement of the proceedings, or the part of the proceedings, from which he is excluded;
 - (c) to take steps to keep secret all or part of the reasons for its decision in the proceedings.
- (2) The Attorney General or, in Scotland, the Advocate General for Scotland, may appoint a person to represent the interests of a claimant in, or in any part of, any proceedings from which the claimant and his representatives are excluded by virtue of subsection (1).
- (3) A person appointed under subsection (2)—
 - (a) if appointed for the purposes of proceedings in England and Wales, must have a general qualification (within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990); and
 - (b) if appointed for the purposes of proceedings in Scotland, must be—
 - (i) an advocate; or

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (ii) a solicitor who has by virtue of section 25A of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 rights of audience in the Court of Session or the High Court of Justiciary.
- (4) A person appointed under subsection (2) shall not be responsible to the person whose interests he is appointed to represent.
- (5) In this section—
- “relevant proceedings” means proceedings brought under this Act—
 - (a) in England and Wales, in a designated county court; or
 - (b) in Scotland, in a sheriff court; and
 - “rules” has the same meaning as in section 65.”