



Equality Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 3

PART 1

THE COMMISSION FOR EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Miscellaneous

39 Orders and regulations

- (1) An order of a Minister of the Crown under this Part and regulations under this Part shall be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) An order of a Minister of the Crown under this Part and regulations under this Part—
 - (a) may make provision generally or only for specified purposes,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes, and
 - (c) may include transitional, incidental or consequential provision.
- (3) An order or regulations under any of the following provisions shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament—
 - (a) section 15(3),
 - (b) section 28,
 - (c) section 29,
 - (d) section 36, and
 - (e) Part 5 of Schedule 1.
- (4) An order under section [F115(6)]—
 - (a) may, in particular, make consequential amendment of an enactment (including this Act and including an enactment in or under an Act of the Scottish Parliament), and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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- (5) An incidental provision included in an order or regulations by virtue of subsection (2) (c) may, in particular, impose a requirement for consent to action under or by virtue of the order or regulations.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 39(4) substituted (25.6.2013) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. [64\(10\)](#), [103\(2\)](#)

40 Consequential amendments

Schedule 3 (consequential amendments) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 40 wholly in force at 1.10.2007; s. 40 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 93; s. 40 in force for certain purposes at 18.4.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1082](#), [art. 2](#); s. 40 in force for certain further purposes at 30.4.2007 by [S.I. 2007/1092](#), [art. 2](#); s. 40 in force at 1.10.2007 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2007/2603](#), [art. 2](#)

41 Transitional: the Commission

- (1) If an order under section 93 provides for any of sections 1 to 3 and Schedule 1 to come into force (to any extent) at a time before any of sections 8 to 32 come into force (to any extent)—
- (a) the period between that time and the commencement of any of sections 8 to 32 (to any extent) is the “transitional period” for the purposes of this section, and
 - (b) the following provisions of this section shall have effect.
- (2) During the transitional period the minimum number of Commissioners shall be five (and not as provided by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1).
- (3) The Secretary of State shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable after making the first appointments under that paragraph, appoint as additional members of the Commission (to be known as Transition Commissioners)—
- (a) a commissioner of the Equal Opportunities Commission nominated by its chairman,
 - (b) a commissioner of the Commission for Racial Equality nominated by its chairman, and
 - (c) a commissioner of the Disability Rights Commission nominated by its chairman.
- (4) A person may nominate himself as a Transition Commissioner.
- (5) If a Transition Commissioner ceases to be a commissioner of the Commission whose chairman nominated him—
- (a) he shall cease to be a Transition Commissioner,
 - (b) the chairman of that Commission shall nominate a replacement, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State shall appoint the nominated replacement.

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- (6) A person shall hold appointment as a Transition Commissioner until a time specified by order of the Secretary of State (subject to subsection (5)); and the Secretary of State shall specify a time which in his opinion is not more than two years after the time when, by virtue of section 36, the Commission whose chairman nominated the Transition Commissioner—
- (a) ceases to exist, or
 - (b) loses its principal functions.
- (7) In all other respects the provisions of this Part apply in relation to a Transition Commissioner as in relation to another Commissioner.

42 Transitional: functions of the dissolved Commissions

- (1) An order under section 36(1)(a) or (b) may—
- (a) provide for a former Commission to continue to exercise a function in respect of a transitional case of a kind specified;
 - (b) provide for the Commission for Equality and Human Rights to exercise a function of a former Commission in respect of a transitional case of a kind specified.
- (2) An order under section 93 commencing a provision of Schedule 3 or 4 may include a saving or a consequential or incidental provision for the purpose of the operation of provision made by virtue of subsection (1) above; and the saving, consequential or incidental provision may, in particular, include provision applying, disapplying or modifying the application of a provision of this Act or of another enactment (including an enactment in or under an Act of the Scottish Parliament).
- (3) A code of practice issued by a Commission dissolved by virtue of section 36, or which relates to a function of a Commission removed by virtue of section 36(1)(b)—
- (a) shall continue to have effect until revoked by the Secretary of State, at the request of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights, by order made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may be revised by the Commission for Equality and Human Rights as if it had been issued under section 14.
- (4) Consultation undertaken by a former Commission in relation to the issue or revision of a code of practice may be relied upon by the Commission for Equality and Human Rights for a purpose of section 14.
- (5) An order under subsection (3)(a) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

F243 Transitional: rented housing in Scotland

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Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 43 repealed (1.10.2010) by Equality Act 2010 (c. 15), s. 216(3), Sch. 26 para. 79, Sch. 27 Pt. 1 (with ss. 6(4), 205); S.I. 2010/2317, art. 2(15)(e)(ix) (as amended (1.10.2010) by S.I. 2010/2337, art. 2)

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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. 21(8) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 24A(1)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 4\(3\)](#)