



Equality Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 3

PART 1

THE COMMISSION FOR EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

General powers

15 Codes of practice: supplemental

- (1) The Commission may revise a code issued under section 14; and a reference in this section or in that section to the issue of a code shall be treated as including a reference to the revision of a code.
- (2) The 40 day period specified in section 14(8)—
 - (a) shall begin with the date on which the draft is laid before both Houses (or, if laid before each House on a different date, with the later date), and
 - (b) shall be taken not to include a period during which—
 - (i) Parliament is prorogued or dissolved, or
 - (ii) both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (3) A code issued under section 14 may be revoked by the [^{F1}Secretary of State], at the request of the Commission, by order.
- (4) A failure to comply with a provision of a code shall not of itself make a person liable to criminal or civil proceedings; but a code—
 - (a) shall be admissible in evidence in criminal or civil proceedings, and
 - (b) shall be taken into account by a court or tribunal in any case in which it appears to the court or tribunal to be relevant.
- (5) Subsection (4)(b) does not apply in relation to a code issued under section 14(4).
- (6) The [^{F2}Secretary of State] may by order amend section 14 so as to vary the range of matters that codes of practice under that section may address.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 15(3) substituted (18.8.2010) by [Transfer of Functions \(Equality\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1839\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 7(2)(e)**
- F2** Words in s. 15(6) substituted (18.8.2010) by [Transfer of Functions \(Equality\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1839\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 7(2)(e)**

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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\(3\)](#)