

EQUALITY ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 16: General and Miscellaneous

Schedule 3: Services and public functions: exceptions

Part 7: Separate and single services

Separate services for the sexes: [paragraph 26](#)

Services generally provided only for persons who share a protected characteristic: [paragraph 30](#)

Effect

744. [Paragraph 30](#) provides that a service provider does not breach the requirement in section 29 not to discriminate in the provision of a service if he or she supplies the service in such a way that it is commonly only used by people with a particular protected characteristic (for example, women or people of Afro-Caribbean descent) and he or she continues to provide that service in that way. If it is impracticable to provide the service to someone who does not share that particular characteristic, a service provider can refuse to provide the service to that person.