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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

#### SERVICES AND PUBLIC FUNCTIONS: EXCEPTIONS

#### PART 5

#### [<sup>F1</sup>INSURANCE AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES]

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 3 Pt. 5 heading substituted (1.10.2012) by virtue of [The Equality Act 2010 \(Age Exceptions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2466\)](#), [art. 3](#)

##### *Services arranged by employer*

- 20 (1) Section 29 does not apply to the provision of a relevant financial service if the provision is in pursuance of arrangements made by an employer for the service-provider to provide the service to the employer's employees, and other persons, as a consequence of the employment.
- (2) “Relevant financial service” means—
- (a) insurance or a related financial service, or
  - (b) a service relating to membership of or benefits under a personal pension scheme (within the meaning given by section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993).

##### Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 3 wholly in force at 1.10.2012; Sch. 3 not in force at Royal assent see s. 216; Sch. 3 in force at 1.10.2010 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#); Sch. 3 in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

##### *<sup>F2</sup>Age*

##### Textual Amendments

- F2** Sch. 3 para. 20A and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2012) by [The Equality Act 2010 \(Age Exceptions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2466\)](#), [art. 3](#)

- 20A (1) A person (A) does not contravene section 29, so far as relating to age discrimination, by doing anything in connection with the provision of a financial service.

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- (2) Where A conducts an assessment of risk for the purposes of providing the financial service to another person (B), A may rely on sub-paragraph (1) only if the assessment of risk, so far as it involves a consideration of B's age, is carried out by reference to information which is relevant to the assessment of risk and from a source on which it is reasonable to rely.
- (3) In this paragraph, “ financial service ” includes a service of a banking, credit, insurance, personal pension, investment or payment nature. ]

*Disability*

- 21 (1) It is not a contravention of section 29, so far as relating to disability discrimination, to do anything in connection with insurance business if—
  - (a) that thing is done by reference to information that is both relevant to the assessment of the risk to be insured and from a source on which it is reasonable to rely, and
  - (b) it is reasonable to do that thing.
- (2) “Insurance business” means business which consists of effecting or carrying out contracts of insurance; and that definition is to be read with—
  - (a) section 22 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000,
  - (b) any relevant order under that Act, and
  - (c) Schedule 2 to that Act.

**Commencement Information**

**I2** Sch. 3 wholly in force at 1.10.2012; Sch. 3 not in force at Royal assent see s. 216; Sch. 3 in force at 1.10.2010 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), **art. 2(3)**; Sch. 3 in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), **art. 2(d)**

*Sex, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity*

22 <sup>F3</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Sch. 3 para. 22 omitted (21.12.2012) by virtue of [The Equality Act 2010 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2992\)](#), **reg. 2** (with [reg. 3](#))

**Commencement Information**

**I3** Sch. 3 wholly in force at 1.10.2012; Sch. 3 not in force at Royal assent see s. 216; Sch. 3 in force at 1.10.2010 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), **art. 2(3)**; Sch. 3 in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), **art. 2(d)**

*Existing insurance policies*

- 23 (1) It is not a contravention of section 29, so far as relating to relevant discrimination, to do anything in connection with insurance business in relation to an existing insurance policy.

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- (2) “Relevant discrimination” is—
- (a) age discrimination;
  - (b) disability discrimination;
  - (c) gender reassignment discrimination;
  - (d) pregnancy and maternity discrimination;
  - (e) race discrimination;
  - (f) religious or belief-related discrimination;
  - (g) sex discrimination;
  - (h) sexual orientation discrimination.
- (3) An existing insurance policy is a policy of insurance entered into before the date on which this paragraph comes into force.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply where an existing insurance policy was renewed, or the terms of such a policy were reviewed, on or after the date on which this paragraph comes into force.
- (5) A review of an existing insurance policy which was part of, or incidental to, a general reassessment by the service-provider of the pricing structure for a group of policies is not a review for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4).
- (6) “Insurance business” has the meaning given in paragraph 21.

#### **Commencement Information**

- I4** Sch. 3 wholly in force at 1.10.2012; Sch. 3 not in force at Royal assent see s. 216; Sch. 3 in force at 1.10.2010 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#); Sch. 3 in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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