



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 16 **E+W+S**

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Final provisions

216 Commencement **E+W+S**

- (1) The following provisions come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
 - (a) section 186(2) (rail vehicle accessibility: compliance);
 - (b) this Part (except sections 202 (civil partnerships on religious premises), 206 (information society services) and 211 (amendments, etc)).
- (2) Part 15 (family property) comes into force on such day as the Lord Chancellor may by order appoint.
- (3) [^{F1}Subject to [^{F2}subsections (4) and (6)] ,] the other provisions of this Act come into force on such day as a Minister of the Crown may by order appoint.
- [^{F3}(4) The following provisions of Part 1 (socio-economic inequalities) come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by order appoint—
 - (a) section 1, so far as it applies to a relevant authority as defined by section 2(5);
 - (b) section 2, so far as it confers a power on the Scottish Ministers;
 - (c) section 3, for the purposes of section 1 to the extent mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (5) The following do not apply to an order under subsection (4)—
 - (a) section 207(2) (see instead section 27 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010: powers exercisable by Scottish statutory instrument), and
 - (b) section 210.]

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[^{F4}(6) The following provisions of Part 1 come into force on such day as the Welsh Ministers may by order appoint—

- (a) section 1, so far as it applies to a relevant authority as defined by section 2(6);
- (b) section 2, so far as it confers a power on the Welsh Ministers;
- (c) section 3, for the purposes of section 1 to the extent mentioned in paragraph (a).

(7) Section 209 does not apply to an order under subsection (6).]

Subordinate Legislation Made

P1 S. 216 power partly exercised; various dates appointed for specified provisions and purposes as follows:

- 6.7.2010 by {[S. I. 2010/1736](#)}, arts. 2, 3;
- 4.8.2010 by {[S.I. 2010/1966](#)}, arts. 2, 3;
- 3.9.2010 by {[S.I. 2010/2191](#)}, art. 2;
- 1.10.2010 and 18.3.2011 by {[S.I. 2010/2317](#)}, art. 2 (subject to arts. 3-25, as amended by {[S.I. 2010/2337](#)}, art. 2), art. 3;
- 18.1.2011 and 6.4.2011 by {[S.I. 2011/96](#)}, arts. 2, 3;
- 5.4.2011 by {[S.I. 2011/1066](#)}, art. 2;
- 11.7.2011 by {[S.I. 2011/1636](#)}, art. 2;
- 5.12.2011 by {[S.I. 2011/2646](#)}, art. 2;
- 19.6.2012 and 1.10.2012 by {[S.I. 2012/1569](#)}, arts. 2, 3;
- 1.9.2012 by {[S.I. 2012/2184](#)}, art. 2

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 216(3) inserted (23.5.2016) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), **ss. 38(9)**, 72(7)
- F2** Words in s. 216(3) substituted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 45(5)**, 71(4) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), [reg. 3\(i\)](#)
- F3** S. 216(4)(5) inserted (23.5.2016) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), **ss. 38(9)**, 72(7)
- F4** S. 216(6)(7) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 45(6)**, 71(4) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), [reg. 3\(i\)](#)

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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. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)