



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

EQUALITY: KEY CONCEPTS

CHAPTER 1

PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

9 Race

- (1) Race includes—
 - (a) colour;
 - (b) nationality;
 - (c) ethnic or national origins.
- (2) In relation to the protected characteristic of race—
 - (a) a reference to a person who has a particular protected characteristic is a reference to a person of a particular racial group;
 - (b) a reference to persons who share a protected characteristic is a reference to persons of the same racial group.
- (3) A racial group is a group of persons defined by reference to race; and a reference to a person's racial group is a reference to a racial group into which the person falls.
- (4) The fact that a racial group comprises two or more distinct racial groups does not prevent it from constituting a particular racial group.
- (5) A Minister of the Crown ^{F1}...—
 - (a) [^{F2}must by order] amend this section so as to provide for caste to be an aspect of race;

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- (b) [^{F3}may by order] amend this Act so as to provide for an exception to a provision of this Act to apply, or not to apply, to caste or to apply, or not to apply, to caste in specified circumstances.
- (6) The power under section 207(4)(b), in its application to subsection (5), includes power to amend this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 9(5) omitted (25.6.2013) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 97\(2\)](#), 103(2)
- F2** Words in s. 9(5)(a) inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 97\(3\)](#), 103(1)(i)(2)
- F3** Words in s. 9(5)(b) inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 97\(4\)](#), 103(1)(i)(2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 9(5) power to repeal or amend conferred (25.4.2013 for specified purposes) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 97\(7\)-\(10\)](#), 103(1)(i)(2)

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