



Race Relations Act 1976

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PART I

DISCRIMINATION TO WHICH ACT APPLIES

1 Racial discrimination

- (1) A person discriminates against another in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if—
- (a) on racial grounds he treats that other less favourably than he treats or would treat other persons; or
 - (b) he applies to that other a requirement or condition which he applies or would apply equally to persons not of the same racial group as that other but—
 - (i) which is such that the proportion of persons of the same racial group as that other who can comply with it is considerably smaller than the proportion of persons not of that racial group who can comply with it; and
 - (ii) which he cannot show to be justifiable irrespective of the colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins of the person to whom it is applied; and
 - (iii) which is to the detriment of that other because he cannot comply with it.
- (2) It is hereby declared that, for the purposes of this Act, segregating a person from other persons on racial grounds is treating him less favourably than they are treated.

2 Discrimination by way of victimisation

- (1) A person (" the discriminator ") discriminates against another person (" the person victimised ") in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if he treats the person victimised less favourably than in those circumstances he treats or would treat other persons, and does so by reason that the person victimised has—

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- (a) brought proceedings against the discriminator or any other person under this Act; or
- (b) given evidence or information in connection with proceedings brought by any person against the discriminator or any other person under this Act; or
- (c) otherwise done anything under or by reference to this Act in relation to the discriminator or any other person ; or
- (d) alleged that the discriminator or any other person has committed an act which (whether or not the allegation so states) would amount to a contravention of this Act,

or by reason that the discriminator knows that the person victimised intends to do any of those things, or suspects that the person victimised has done, or intends to do, any of them.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to treatment of a person by reason of any allegation made by him if the allegation was false and not made in good faith.

3 Meaning of " racial grounds", " racial group " etc.

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - " racial grounds " means any of the following grounds, namely colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins;
 - " racial group " means a group of persons defined by reference to colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins, and references to a person's racial group refer to any racial group into which he falls.
- (2) The fact that a racial group comprises two or more distinct racial groups does not prevent it from constituting a particular racial group for the purposes of this Act.
- (3) In this Act—
 - (a) references to discrimination refer to any discrimination falling within section 1 or 2 ; and
 - (b) references to racial discrimination refer to any discrimination falling within section 1,
 and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.
- (4) A comparison of the case of a person of a particular racial group with that of a person not of that group under section 1(1) must be such that the relevant circumstances in the one case are the same, or not materially different, in the other.