



# Race Relations Act 1976 (Repealed)

## 1976 CHAPTER 74

### PART X

#### SUPPLEMENTAL

#### 71 Local authorities: general statutory duty.

— [<sup>F1</sup>(1)]Without prejudice to their obligation to comply with any other provision of this Act, it shall be the duty of every local authority to make appropriate arrangements with a view to securing that their various functions are carried out with due regard to the need—

- (a) to eliminate unlawful racial discrimination; and
- (b) to promote equality of opportunity, and good relations, between persons of different racial groups

[<sup>F2</sup>;and in this section “local authority” includes [<sup>F3</sup>a police authority established under [<sup>F4</sup>section 3 of the <sup>M1</sup>Police Act 1996]and] . . . [<sup>F5</sup>a joint authority established by Part IV of the Local Government Act 1985.]

[<sup>F6</sup>The Broads Authority [<sup>F7</sup>and every National Park authority] shall be treated as a local authority for the purposes of this section.]

[<sup>F8</sup>(2) In this section, “local authority”, in relation to Scotland, means a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (“the 1994 Act”) and includes—

- (a) a joint board and a joint committee within the meaning of the <sup>M2</sup>Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
- (b) the staff commission established by virtue of section 12 of the 1994 Act;
- (c) a water and sewerage authority within the meaning of the 1994 Act; and
- (d) the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 71 renumbered as s. 71(1) (S.) (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 108**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(c)**
- F2** Words inserted by **Local Government Act 1985** (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 84, **Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 54**
- F3** Words in s. 71(b) inserted (in force for specified purposes on 1.10.1994 and otherwise 1.4.1995) by 1994 c. 29, s. 43, **Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 51**; S.I. 1994/2025, **art. 6(2)(g)**; S.I. 1994/3262, art. 4(1), **Sch. 13 Pt. I para. 1(2)(I)**
- F4** Words in s. 71(b) substituted (22.8.1996) by 1996 c. 16, ss. 103, 104(1), **Sch. 7 Pt. I para. 1(2)(I)**
- F5** Words repealed by **Education Reform Act 1988** (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237, **Sch. 13 Pt. I para. 16**, **Sch. 7**
- F6** Paragraph added (E.W.) by **Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988** (c. 4, SIF 81:1), ss. 21, 23(2), **Sch. 6 para. 16**, **Sch. 7**
- F7** Words in s. 71 inserted (E.W.) (23.11.1995) by 1995 c. 25, s. 78, **Sch. 10 para. 15(2)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, **Sch. 8 para. 7**); S.I. 1995/2950, **art. 2(1)**
- F8** S. 71(2) added (S.)(1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 108**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(d)**

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 71 extended by S.I. 1985/1884, **art. 10**, **Sch. 3 para. 4(n)**  
s. 71 extended by 1994 c. 19, ss. 39, 66(2)(b), **Sch. 13 para. 20(g)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), **Sch. 17 para. 22(1), 23(2)**)
- C2** S. 71 amended by **Local Government Act 1985** (c. 51, SIF 81:1), s. 57(7), **Sch. 13 para. 13(h)**
- C3** S. 71 amended by S.I. 1987/2110, **art. 2**, **Sch. 1 para. 8(k)**
- C4** S. 71 applied (S.) by **Housing (Scotland) Act 1988** (c. 43, SIF 61), **s. 2(11)**  
s. 71 applied (*temp.* until 1.4.1996) by S.I. 1995/789, **art. 2**, **Sch. para. 5**
- C5** S. 71 restricted by **Local Government Act 1988** (c. 9, SIF 81:1, 2), **s. 18(1)**
- C6** S. 71 extended (E.W.) by **Housing Act 1988** (c. 50, SIF 61), **s. 63(5)**

### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1996 c. 16
- M2** 1973 c. 65.

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### <sup>F9</sup>71A General statutory duty: special cases.

- (1) In relation to the carrying out of immigration and nationality functions (within the meaning of section 19D(1)), section 71(1)(b) has effect with the omission of the words "equality of opportunity and".
- (2) Where an entry in Schedule 1A is limited to a person in a particular capacity, section 71(1) does not apply to that person in any other capacity.
- (3) Where an entry in Schedule 1A is limited to particular functions of a person, section 71(1) does not apply to that person in relation to any other functions.

### Textual Amendments

- F9** Ss. 71-71E substituted for s. 71 (2.4.2001) by 2000 c. 34, **s. 2(1)** (with s. 10(5)); S.I. 2001/566, **art. 2(1)**

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**F10 71B General statutory duty: Scotland and Wales.**

- (1) For the purposes of the <sup>M3</sup>Scotland Act 1998, subsections (2) to (4) of section 71 (and sections 71(6) and 74 so far as they apply to the power conferred by subsection (2) of section 71) shall be taken to be pre-commencement enactments within the meaning of that Act.
- (2) Before making an order under section 71(2) in relation to functions exercisable in relation to Wales by a person who is not a Welsh public authority, the Secretary of State shall consult the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall not make an order under section 71(2) in relation to functions of a Welsh public authority except with the consent of the National Assembly for Wales.
- (4) In this section “Welsh public authority” means any person whose functions are exercisable only in relation to Wales and includes the National Assembly for Wales.

**Textual Amendments**

**F10** Ss. 71-71E substituted for s. 71 (2.4.2001) by 2000 c. 34, s. 2(1) (with s. 10(5)); S.I. 2001/566, art. 2(1)

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**M3** 1998 c. 46.

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**F11 71C General statutory duty: codes of practice.**

- (1) The Commission may issue codes of practice containing such practical guidance as the Commission think fit in relation to the performance by persons of duties imposed on them by virtue of subsections (1) and (2) of section 71.
- (2) When the Commission propose to issue a code of practice under this section, they—
  - (a) shall prepare and publish a draft of the code;
  - (b) shall consider any representations made to them about the draft; and
  - (c) may modify the draft accordingly.
- (3) In the course of preparing any draft code of practice under this section the Commission shall consult such organisations or bodies as appear to the Commission to be appropriate having regard to the content of the draft code.
- (4) If the Commission determine to proceed with a draft code of practice, they shall transmit the draft to the Secretary of State who shall consult the Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales.
- (5) After consulting the Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales, the Secretary of State shall—

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- (a) if he approves of the draft code, lay it before both Houses of Parliament; and
  - (b) if he does not approve of it, publish details of his reasons for withholding approval.
- (6) If, within the period of forty days beginning with the day on which a copy of a draft code of practice is laid before each House of Parliament, or, if such copies are laid on different days, with the later of the two days, either House so resolves, no further proceedings shall be taken on the draft code of practice, but without prejudice to the laying before Parliament of a new draft.
- (7) In reckoning the period of forty days referred to in subsection (6), no account shall be taken of any period during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (8) If no such resolution is passed as is referred to in subsection (6), the Commission shall issue the code in the form of the draft and the code shall come into effect on such day as the Secretary of State may, after consulting the Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales, by order appoint.
- (9) Without prejudice to section 74(3), an order under subsection (8) may contain such transitional provisions or savings as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in connection with the code of practice thereby brought into operation.
- (10) The Commission may revoke, or from time to time revise, the whole or any part of a code of practice issued under this section; and, where they revise the whole or any part of such a code, they shall issue the revised code, and subsections (2) to (9) shall apply (with appropriate modifications) to such a revised code as they apply to the first issue of a code.
- (11) A failure on the part of any person to observe any provision of a code of practice shall not of itself render that person liable to any proceedings; but any code of practice issued under this section shall be admissible in evidence in any legal proceedings, and if any provision of such a code appears to the court or tribunal concerned to be relevant to any question arising in the proceedings it shall be taken into account in determining that question.
- (12) Without prejudice to subsection (1), a code of practice issued under this section may include such practical guidance as the Commission think fit as to what steps it is reasonably practicable for persons to take for the purpose of preventing their staff from doing in the course of their duties acts made unlawful by this Act.

#### Textual Amendments

**F11** Ss. 71-71E substituted for s. 71 (2.4.2001) by 2000 c. 34, s. 2(1) (with s. 10(5)); S.I. 2001/566, art. 2(1)

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**F12 71D General statutory duty: compliance notices.**

- (1) If the Commission are satisfied that a person has failed to comply with, or is failing to comply with, any duty imposed by an order under section 71(2), the Commission may serve on that person a notice (“a compliance notice”).
- (2) A compliance notice shall require the person concerned—
  - (a) to comply with the duty concerned; and
  - (b) to inform the Commission, within 28 days of the date on which the notice is served, of the steps that the person has taken, or is taking, to comply with the duty.
- (3) A compliance notice may also require the person concerned to furnish the Commission with such other written information as may be reasonably required by the notice in order to verify that the duty has been complied with.
- (4) The notice may specify—
  - (a) the time (no later than three months from the date on which the notice is served) at which any information is to be furnished to the Commission;
  - (b) the manner and form in which any such information is to be so furnished.
- (5) A compliance notice shall not require a person to furnish information which the person could not be compelled to furnish in evidence in civil proceedings before the High Court or the Court of Session.

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** Ss. 71-71E substituted for s. 71 (2.4.2001) by 2000 c. 34, s. 2(1) (with s. 10(5)); S.I. 2001/566, art. 2(1)

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**F13 71E Enforcement of compliance notices.**

- (1) The Commission may apply to a designated county court or, in Scotland, a sheriff court for an order requiring a person falling within Schedule 1A to furnish any information required by a compliance notice if—
  - (a) the person fails to furnish the information to the Commission in accordance with the notice; or
  - (b) the Commission have reasonable cause to believe that the person does not intend to furnish the information.
- (2) If the Commission consider that a person has not, within three months of the date on which a compliance notice was served on that person, complied with any requirement of the notice for that person to comply with a duty imposed by an order under section 71(2), the Commission may apply to a designated county court or, in Scotland, a sheriff court for an order requiring the person to comply with the requirement of the notice.

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- (3) If the court is satisfied that the application is well-founded, it may grant the order in the terms applied for or in more limited terms.
- (4) The sanctions in section 71D and this section shall be the only sanctions for breach of any duty imposed by an order under section 71(2), but without prejudice to the enforcement under section 57 or otherwise of any other provision of this Act (where the breach is also a contravention of that provision).

### Textual Amendments

**F13** Ss. 71-71E substituted for s. 71 (2.4.2001) by 2000 c. 34, s. 2(1) (with s. 10(5)); S.I. 2001/566, art. 2(1)

## 72 Validity and revision of contracts.

- (1) A term of a contract is void where—
  - (a) its inclusion renders the making of the contract unlawful by virtue of this Act; or
  - (b) it is included in furtherance of an act rendered unlawful by this Act; or
  - (c) it provides for the doing of an act which would be rendered unlawful by this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a term the inclusion of which constitutes, or is in furtherance of, or provides for, unlawful discrimination against a party to the contract, but the term shall be unenforceable against that party.
- (3) A term in a contract which purports to exclude or limit any provision of this Act is unenforceable by any person in whose favour the term would operate apart from this subsection.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply—
  - (a) to a contract settling a complaint to which section 54(1) applies where the contract is made with the assistance of a conciliation officer; or
  - <sup>F14</sup>(aa) to a contract settling a complaint to which section 54(1) applies if the conditions regulating compromise contracts under this Act are satisfied in relation to the contract;]
  - (b) to a contract settling a claim to which section 57 applies.
- <sup>F15</sup>(4A) The conditions regulating compromise contracts under this Act are that—
  - (a) the contract must be in writing;
  - (b) the contract must relate to the particular complaint;
  - (c) the complainant must have received independent legal advice from a qualified lawyer as to the terms and effect of the proposed contract and in particular its effect on his ability to pursue his complaint before an industrial tribunal;
  - (d) there must be in force, when the adviser gives the advice, a policy of insurance covering the risk of a claim by the complainant in respect of loss arising in consequence of the advice;
  - (e) the contract must identify the adviser; and
  - (f) the contract must state that the conditions regulating compromise contracts under this Act are satisfied.

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(4B) In subsection (4A)—

“independent”, in relation to legal advice to the complainant, means that it is given by a lawyer who is not acting for the other party or for a person who is connected with that other party; and

“qualified lawyer” means—

- (a) as respects proceedings in England and Wales—
  - (i) a barrister, whether in practice as such or employed to give legal advice, or
  - (ii) a solicitor of the Supreme Court who holds a practising certificate.
- (b) as respects proceedings in Scotland—
  - (i) an advocate, whether in practice as such or employed to give legal advice, or
  - (ii) a solicitor who holds a practising certificate.

(4C) For the purposes of subsection (4B) any two persons are to be treated as “connected” if one is a company of which the other (directly or indirectly) has control, or if both are companies of which a third person (directly or indirectly) has control.]

(5) On the application of any person interested in a contract to which subsection (2) applies, a designated county court or a sheriff court may make such order as it thinks just for removing or modifying any term made unenforceable by that subsection; but such an order shall not be made unless all persons affected have been given notice of the application (except where under rules of court notice may be dispensed with) and have been afforded an opportunity to make representations to the court.

(6) An order under subsection (5) may include provision as respects any period before the making of the order.

#### Textual Amendments

**F14** S. 72(4)(aa) inserted (30.8.1993) by 1993 c. 19, s. 39(2), **Sch. 6 para. 2(a)**; S.I. 1993/1908, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**.

**F15** S. 72(4A)-(4C) inserted (30.8.1993) by 1993 c. 19, s. 39(2), **Sch. 6 para. 2(b)**; S.I. 1993/1908, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**.

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#### 72A Collective agreements and rules of undertakings

(1) This section applies to—

- (a) any term of a collective agreement, including an agreement which was not intended, or is presumed not to have been intended, to be a legally enforceable contract;
- (b) any rule made by an employer for application to all or any of the persons who are employed by him or who apply to be, or are, considered by him for employment;
- (c) any rule made by an organisation to which section 11 (trade organisations) applies, or by a body to which section 12 (qualifying bodies) applies, for application to—

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- (i) all or any of its members or prospective members; or
  - (ii) all or any of the persons on whom it has conferred authorisations or qualifications or who are seeking the authorisations or qualifications which it has power to confer.
- (2) Any term or rule to which this section applies is void where—
- (a) the making of the collective agreement is, by reason of the inclusion of the term, unlawful on grounds of race or ethnic or national origins, by virtue of a provision referred to in section 1(1B);
  - (b) the term or rule is included or made in furtherance of an act which is unlawful on such grounds by virtue of such a provision; or
  - (c) the term or rule provides for the doing of such an act.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies whether the agreement was entered into, or the rule made, before, on or after 19th July 2003; but in the case of an agreement entered into, or a rule made, before that date, that subsection does not apply in relation to any period before that date.
- (4) In this section, and in section 72B, “collective agreement” means any agreement relating to one or more of the matters mentioned in section 178(2) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992<sup>M4</sup> (meaning of trade dispute), being an agreement made by or on behalf of one or more employers or one or more organisations of employers or associations of such organisations with one or more organisations of workers or associations of such organisations.

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M4 1992 c. 52

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#### 72B

- (1) A person to whom this subsection applies may present a complaint to an employment tribunal that a term or rule is void by virtue of section 72A if he has reason to believe—
- (a) that the term or rule may at some future time have effect in relation to him; and
  - (b) where he alleges that it is void by virtue of section 72A(2)(c), that—
    - (i) an act for the doing of which it provides may at some such time be done in relation to him, and
    - (ii) the act would be rendered unlawful on grounds of race or ethnic or national origins by a provision referred to in section 1(1B) if done in relation to him in present circumstances.
- (2) In the case of a complaint about—
- (a) a term of a collective agreement made by or on behalf of—
    - (i) an employer;
    - (ii) an organisation of employers of which an employer is a member; or



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- (iii) an association of such organisations of one of which an employer is a member; or
  - (b) a rule made by an employer, within the meaning of section 72A(1)(b); subsection (1) applies to any person who is, or is genuinely and actively seeking to become, one of his employees.
- (3) In the case of a complaint about a rule made by an organisation or body to which section 72A(1)(c) applies, subsection (1) applies to any person—
- (a) who is, or is genuinely and actively seeking to become, a member of the organisation or body;
  - (b) on whom the organisation or body has conferred an authorisation or qualification; or
  - (c) who is genuinely and actively seeking an authorisation or qualification which the organisation or body has power to confer.
- (4) When an employment tribunal finds that a complaint presented to it under subsection (1) is well-founded the tribunal shall make an order declaring that the term or rule is void.
- (5) An order under subsection (4) may include provision as respects any period before the making of the order (but after 19th July 2003).
- (6) The avoidance by virtue of section 72 A(2) of any term or rule which provides for any person to be discriminated against shall be without prejudice to the following rights (except in so far as they enable any person to require another person to be treated less favourably than himself) namely—
- (a) such of the rights of the person to be discriminated against, and
  - (b) such of the rights of any person who will be treated more favourably in direct or indirect consequence of the discrimination,
- as are conferred by or in respect of a contract made or modified wholly or partly in pursuance of, or by reference to, that term or rule.

### **73 Power to amend certain provisions of Act.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by an order the draft of which has been approved by each House of Parliament—
- (a) amend or repeal section 9 (including that section as amended by a previous order under this subsection);
  - (b) amend Part II, III or IV so as to render lawful an act which, apart from the amendment, would be unlawful by reason of section 4(1) or (2), 20(1), 21, 24 or 25;
  - (c) amend section 10(1) or 25(1)(a) so as to alter the number of partners or members specified in that provision.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall not lay before Parliament the draft of an order under subsection (1) unless he has consulted the Commission about the contents of the draft.

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## 74 Orders and regulations.

- (1) Any power of a Minister of the Crown to make orders or regulations under the provisions of this Act (except [<sup>F16</sup>section]50(2)(a)) shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) An order made by a Minister of the Crown under the preceding provisions of this Act (except sections . . . <sup>F17</sup>50(2)(a) and 73(1)), and any regulations made under section [<sup>F18</sup>56(5), (6) or] 75(5)(a), shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) An order under this Act may make different provision in relation to different cases or classes of case, may exclude certain cases or classes of case, and may contain transitional provisions and savings.
- (4) Any power conferred by this Act to make orders include power (exercisable in the like manner and subject to the like conditions) to vary or revoke any order so made.
- (5) Any document purporting to be an order made by the Secretary of State under section . . . <sup>F19</sup>50(2)(a) and to be signed by him or on his behalf shall be received in evidence, and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be made by him.

### Textual Amendments

**F16** Word substituted by [Employment Act 1989 \(c. 38, SIF 43:1, 106:1\), s. 29\(3\), Sch. 6 para. 16](#)

**F17** “13(2)(d), 37(3)(b),” repealed by [Employment Act 1989 \(c. 38, SIF 43:1\), s. 29\(4\), Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

**F18** Words in [s. 74\(2\)](#) inserted (3.7.1994) by [1994 c. 10, ss. 2\(2\), 3\(3\)](#)

**F19** “13(2)(d), 37(3)(b) or” repealed by [Employment Act 1989 \(c. 38, SIF 43:1\), s. 29\(4\), Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

## 75 Application to Crown etc.

- (1) This Act applies—
  - (a) to an act done by or for purposes of a Minister of the Crown or government department; or
  - (b) to an act done on behalf of the Crown by a statutory body, or a person holding a statutory office,
 as it applies to an act done by a private person.
- (2) Parts II and IV apply to—
  - (a) service for purposes of a Minister of the Crown or government department, other than service of a person holding a statutory office; or
  - (b) service on behalf of the Crown for purposes of a person holding a statutory office or purposes of a statutory body; or
  - (c) service in the armed forces,
 as they apply to employment by a private person, and shall so apply as if references to a contract of employment included references to the terms of service.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) have effect subject to section 16.
- (4) Subsection (2) of section 8 and subsection (4) of section 27 shall have effect in relation to any ship, aircraft or hovercraft belonging to or possessed by Her Majesty in right of the Government of the United Kingdom as it has effect in relation to a ship, aircraft or

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hovercraft such as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of the subsection in question; and section 8(3) shall apply accordingly.

(5) Nothing in this Act shall—

- (a) invalidate any rules (whether made before or after the passing of this Act) restricting employment in the service of the Crown or by any public body prescribed for the purposes of this subsection by regulations made by the Minister for the Civil Service to persons of particular birth, nationality, descent or residence; or
- (b) render unlawful the publication, display or implementation of any such rules, or the publication of advertisements stating the gist of any such rules.

In this subsection “employment” includes service of any kind, and “public body” means a body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, carrying on a service or undertaking of a public nature.

(6) The provisions of Parts II to IV of the <sup>M5</sup>Crown Proceedings Act 1947 shall apply to proceedings against the Crown under this Act as they apply to proceedings in England and Wales which by virtue of section 23 of that Act are treated for the purposes of Part II of that Act as civil proceedings by or against the Crown, except that in their application to proceedings under this Act section 20 of that Act (removal of proceedings from county court to High Court) shall not apply.

(7) The provisions of Part V of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 shall apply to proceedings against the Crown under this Act as they apply to proceedings in Scotland which by virtue of the said Part are treated as civil proceedings by or against the Crown, except that in their application to proceedings under this Act the proviso to section 44 of that Act (removal of proceedings from the sheriff court to the Court of Session) shall not apply.

(8) This subsection applies to any complaint by a person (“the complainant”) that another person—

- (a) has committed an act of discrimination against the complainant which is unlawful by virtue of section 4; or
- (b) is by virtue of section 32 or 33 to be treated as having committed such an act of discrimination against the complainant,

if at the time when the act complained of was done the complainant was serving in the armed forces and the discrimination in question relates to his service in those forces.

(9) Section 54(1) shall not apply to a complaint to which subsection (8) applies, but any such complaint may be made, and if made shall be dealt with, in accordance with whichever of the following provisions for the redress of complaints is appropriate, namely section 130 of the <sup>M6</sup>Naval Discipline Act 1957, section 180 or 181 of the <sup>M7</sup>Army Act 1955 or section 180 or 181 of the <sup>M8</sup>Air Force Act 1955.

(10) In this section—

- (a) “the armed forces” means any of the naval, military or air forces of the Crown . . . <sup>F20</sup>;
- (b) “statutory body” means a body set up by or in pursuance of an enactment, and “statutory office” means an office so set up; and
- (c) service “for purposes of” a Minister of the Crown or government department does not include service in any office in Schedule 2 (Ministerial offices) to the <sup>M9</sup>House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 as for the time being in force.

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**F20** Words repealed (with saving) by [Armed Forces Act 1981 \(c. 55, SIF 7:1\)](#), s. 28(2), [Sch. 5 Pt. I](#) note

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C7** [S. 75\(10\)](#) amended (women's services) by [Armed Forces Act 1981 \(c. 55, SIF 7:1\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 1](#)

#### Marginal Citations

**M5** [1947 c. 44.](#)

**M6** [1957 c. 53.](#)

**M7** [1955 c. 18.](#)

**M8** [1955 c. 19.](#)

**M9** [1975 c. 24](#)

### [<sup>F21</sup>75A Application to House of Commons staff.

- (1) Parts II and IV apply to an act done by an employer of a relevant member of the House of Commons staff, and to service as such a member, as they apply to an act done by and to service for the purposes of a Minister of the Crown or government department, and accordingly apply as if references to a contract of employment included references to the terms of service of such a member.
- (2) In this section “relevant member of the House of Commons staff” has the same meaning as in [<sup>F22</sup>section 195 of the Employment Rights Act 1996]; and [<sup>F23</sup>subsections (6) to (12)] of that section (person to be treated as employer of House of Commons staff) apply, with any necessary modifications, for the purposes of Parts II and IV as they apply by virtue of this section.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F21** [S. 75A](#) inserted (16.10.1992) by [Trade Union and Labour Relations \(Consolidation\) Act 1992 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 300(2), 302, [Sch. 2 para. 7](#).

**F22** Words in [s. 75A\(2\)](#) substituted (22.8.1996) by [1996 c. 18](#), ss. 240, 243, [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with ss. 191-195, 202)

**F23** Words in [s. 75A\(2\)](#) substituted (22.8.1996) by [1996 c. 18](#), ss. 240, 243, [Sch. 1 para. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with ss. 191-195, 202)

### [<sup>F24</sup>75B Application to House of Lords staff.

- (1) Parts II and IV apply in relation to employment as a relevant member of the House of Lords staff as they apply in relation to other employment.
- (2) In this section “relevant member of the House of Lords staff” has the same meaning as in [<sup>F25</sup>section 194 of the Employment Rights Act 1996]; and [<sup>F25</sup>subsection (7)] of that section applies for the purposes of this section.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F24** [S. 75B](#) inserted (30.11.1993) by [1993 c. 19](#), s. 49(1), [Sch. 7 para. 10](#); S.I. 1993/2503, art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#).

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**F25** Words in s. 75B(2) substituted (22.8.1996) by 1996 c. 18, ss. 240, 243, **Sch. 1 para. 3(a)(b)** (with ss. 191-195, 202)

## **76 Government appointments outside s. 4.**

- (1) This section applies to any appointment by a Minister of the Crown or government department to an office or post where section 4 does not apply in relation to the appointment.
- (2) In making the appointment, and in making the arrangements for determining who should be offered the office or post, the Minister of the Crown or government department shall not do an act which would be unlawful under section 4 if the Crown were the employer for the purposes of this Act.

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### **76ZA Other office holders**

- (1) It is unlawful for a relevant person, in relation to an appointment to an office or post to which this section applies, to discriminate against a person on the grounds of race or ethnic or national origins—
  - (a) in the arrangements which he makes for the purpose of determining to whom the appointment should be offered;
  - (b) in the terms on which he offers him the appointment; or
  - (c) by refusing or deliberately omitting to offer him the appointment.
- (2) It is unlawful for a relevant person, in relation to a person who has been appointed to an office or post to which this section applies, to discriminate against him on grounds of race or ethnic or national origins—
  - (a) in the terms of the appointment;
  - (b) in the way he affords him access to opportunities for promotion, transfer, training or to any other benefits, facilities or services, or by refusing or deliberately omitting to afford him access to them;
  - (c) by terminating the appointment; or
  - (d) by subjecting him to any other detriment in relation to the appointment.
- (3) It is unlawful for a relevant person, in relation to an office or post to which this section applies, to subject to harassment a person who has been appointed to, or is seeking or being considered for appointment to, such an office or post.
- (4) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to any act in relation to an office or post where, if the office or post constituted employment, the act would be lawful by virtue of section 4A (exception for genuine occupational requirement).
- (5) Subsection (2) does not apply to benefits, facilities or services of any description if the relevant person is concerned with the provision (for payment or not) of benefits, facilities or services of that description to the public, or a section of the public to which the person belongs, unless—
  - (a) that provision differs in a material respect from the provision of the benefits, facilities or services to persons appointed to offices or posts which are the

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- same as, or not materially different from, that to which the person has been appointed;
- (b) the provision of the benefits, facilities or services to the person appointed is regulated by the terms and conditions of his appointment; or
  - (c) the benefits, facilities or services relate to training.
- (6) In subsection (2)(c) reference to the termination of the appointment includes reference—
- (a) to the termination of the appointment by the expiration of any period (including a period expiring by reference to an event or circumstance), not being a termination immediately after which the appointment is renewed on the same terms and conditions; and
  - (b) to the termination of the appointment by any act of the person appointed (including the giving of notice) in circumstances such that he is entitled to terminate the appointment by reason of the conduct of the relevant person.
- (7) This section applies to any office or post, other than a political office or post, where—
- (a) sections 4, 7, 10, 26A, 26B and 76 do not apply in relation to appointment to that office or post;
  - (b) it is an office or post to which persons are appointed to discharge functions personally under the direction of another person; and
  - (c) it is an office or post in respect of which they are entitled to remuneration.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7) the holder of an office or post—
- (a) is to be regarded as discharging his functions under the direction of another person if that other person is entitled to direct him as to when and where he discharges those functions; and
  - (b) is not to be regarded as entitled to remuneration merely because he is entitled to payments—
    - (i) in respect of expenses incurred by him in carrying out the functions of the office or post, or
    - (ii) by way of compensation for the loss of income or benefits he would or might have received from any person had he not been carrying out the functions of the office or post.
- (9) In this section—
- (a) appointment to an office or post does not include election to an office or post;
  - (b) “political office or post” means—
    - (i) any office of the House of Commons held by a member of it;
    - (ii) a life peerage within the meaning of the Life Peerages Act 1958 <sup>M10</sup>, or any office held in the House of Lords by a member of it;
    - (iii) any office mentioned in Schedule 2 (Ministerial offices) to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 <sup>M11</sup>;
    - (iv) the offices of Leader of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whip or Assistant Opposition Whip within the meaning of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 <sup>M12</sup>;
    - (v) any office of the Scottish Parliament held by a member of it;
    - (vi) a member of the Scottish Executive within the meaning of section 44 of the Scotland Act 1998 <sup>M13</sup>, or a junior Scottish Minister within the meaning of section 49 of that Act;

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- (vii) any office of the National Assembly for Wales held by a member of it;
  - (viii) in England, any office of a county council, a London borough council, a district council or a parish council held by a member of it;
  - (ix) in Wales, any office of a county council, a county borough council or a community council held by a member of it;
  - (x) in relation to a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 <sup>M14</sup> or a community council established under section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 <sup>M15</sup>, which is held by a member of it;
  - (xi) any office of the Greater London Authority held by a member of it;
  - (xii) any office of the Common Council of the City of London held by a member of it;
  - (xiii) any office of the Council of the Isles of Scilly held by a member of it; or
  - (xiv) any office of a political party; and
- (c) “relevant person”, in relation to an office or post, means—
- (i) any person with power to make or terminate appointments to the office or post, or to determine the terms of appointment; and
  - (ii) any person with power to determine the working conditions of a person appointed to the office or post in relation to opportunities for promotion, a transfer, training or for receiving any other benefit.

#### Marginal Citations

**M10** 1958 c. 21

**M11** 1975 c. 24. Schedule 2 was amended by S.I. 2002/794, article 5(2), **Schedule 2**, and by the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46), **sections 48(6), 87(1)** and Schedule 9.

**M12** 1975 c. 27

**M13** 1998 c. 46

**M14** 1994 c. 39. Section 2 was amended by the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25), **Schedule 22**, paragraph 232(1).

**M15** 1973 c. 65. Section 51 was amended by the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39), **Schedule 14**, paragraph 1.

## 77 Financial provisions.

There shall be defrayed out of money provided by Parliament—

- (a) sums required by the Secretary of State for making payments under paragraph 5 or 16 of Schedule 1 or paragraph 12 of Schedule 2, and for defraying any other expenditure falling to be made by him under or by virtue of this Act;
- (b) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury in undertaking, or financially assisting the undertaking by other persons of, research into any matter connected with relations between persons of different racial groups;
- (c) payments falling to be made under section 67(5) in respect of the remuneration of assessors; and
- (d) any increase attributable to the provisions of this Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act.

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## 78 General interpretation provisions.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“access” shall be construed in accordance with section 40;

“act” includes a deliberate omission;

“advertisement” includes every form of advertisement or notice, whether to the public or not, and whether in a newspaper or other publication, by television or radio, by display of notices, signs, labels, showcards or goods, by distribution of samples, circulars, catalogues, price lists or other material, by exhibition of pictures, models or films, or in any other way, and references to the publishing of advertisements shall be construed accordingly;

[<sup>F26</sup>“board of management”, in relation to a self-governing school, has the same meaning as in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980;]

[<sup>F27</sup>“board of management” in relation to a college of further education within the meaning of Part I of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992, has the same meaning as in that Part;]

“the Commission” means the Commission for Racial Equality;

“Commissioner” means a member of the Commission;

“designated county court” has the meaning given by section 67(1);

“discrimination” and related terms shall be construed in accordance with section 3(3);

“dispose”, in relation to premises, includes granting a right to occupy the premises, and any reference to acquiring premises shall be construed accordingly;

“education” includes any form of training or instruction;

“education authority” and “educational establishment” have for Scotland the same meaning as they have respectively in [<sup>F28</sup>section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980];

“employment” means employment under a contract of service or of apprenticeship or a contract personally to execute any work or labour, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

“employment agency” means a person who, for profit or not, provides services for the purpose of finding employment for workers or supplying employers with workers;

“estate agent” means a person who, by way of profession or trade, provides services for the purpose of finding premises for persons seeking to acquire them or assisting in the disposal of premises;

“final” shall be construed in accordance with subsection (4);

“firm” has the meaning given by section 4 of the <sup>M16</sup>Partnership Act 1890;

“formal investigation” means an investigation under section 48;

“further education” has . . . <sup>F29</sup>for Scotland the meaning given by [<sup>F30</sup>section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980];

“general notice”, in relation to any person, means a notice published by him at a time and in a manner appearing to him suitable for securing that the notice is seen within a reasonable time by persons likely to be affected by it;

“genuine occupational qualification” shall be construed in accordance with section 5;

“Great Britain” includes such of the territorial waters of the United Kingdom as are adjacent to Great Britain;



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“independent school” has for England and Wales the meaning given by section 114(1) of the <sup>M17</sup>Education Act 1944, and for Scotland the meaning given by [<sup>F31</sup>section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980];

.....<sup>F32</sup>  
“managers” has for Scotland the same meaning as in [<sup>F33</sup>s. 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980];

“Minister of the Crown” includes the Treasury and the Defence Council;

“nationality” includes citizenship;

“near relative” shall be construed in accordance with subsection (5);

“non-discrimination notice” means a notice under section 58;

“notice” means a notice in writing;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;

“profession” includes any vocation or occupation;

“proprietor”, in relation to a school, has for England and Wales the meaning given by section 114(1) of the <sup>M18</sup>Education Act 1944, and for Scotland the meaning given by [<sup>F33</sup>s. 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980].

“pupil” in Scotland includes a student of any age;

“racial grounds” and “racial group” have the meaning given by section 3(1);

“school” has for England and Wales the meaning given by section 114(1) of the <sup>M19</sup>Education Act 1944, and for Scotland the meaning given by [<sup>F33</sup>s. 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980];

“school education” has for Scotland the meaning given by [<sup>F33</sup>s. 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980];

[<sup>F34</sup>“self-governing school” has the same meaning as in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980;]

“trade” includes any business;

“training” includes any form of education or instruction;

“university” includes a university college and the college, school or hall of a university;

“upper limit of compulsory school age” for England and Wales means, subject to section 9 of the <sup>M20</sup>Education Act 1962, the age that is that limit by virtue of section 35 of the <sup>M21</sup>Education Act 1944 and the Order in Council made under that section.

- (2) It is hereby declared that in this Act “premises”, unless the context otherwise requires, includes land of any description.
- (3) Any power conferred by this Act to designate establishments or persons may be exercised either by naming them or by identifying them by reference to a class or other description.
- (4) For the purposes of this Act a non-discrimination notice or a finding by a court or tribunal becomes final when an appeal against the notice or finding is dismissed, withdrawn or abandoned or when the time for appealing expires without an appeal having been brought; and for this purpose an appeal against a non-discrimination notice shall be taken to be dismissed if, notwithstanding that a requirement of the notice is quashed on appeal, a direction is given in respect of it under section 59(3).

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- (5) For the purposes of this Act a person is a near relative of another if that person is the wife or husband, a parent or child, a grandparent or grandchild, or a brother or sister of the other (whether of full blood or half-blood or by affinity), and “child” includes an illegitimate child and the wife or husband of an illegitimate child.
- (6) Except so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment, including this Act.
- (7) In this Act, except where otherwise indicated—
- (a) a reference to a numbered Part, section or Schedule is a reference to the Part or section of, or the Schedule to, this Act so numbered; and
  - (b) a reference in a section to a numbered subsection is a reference to the subsection of that section so numbered; and
  - (c) a reference in a section, subsection or Schedule to a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph of that section, subsection or Schedule so numbered; and
  - (d) a reference to any provision of an Act (including this Act) includes a Schedule incorporated in the Act by that provision.

#### Textual Amendments

- F26** Definition of “board of management” inserted (S.) by [Self-Governing Schools etc. \(Scotland\) Act 1989](#) (c. 39, SIF 41:2), s. 82(1), **Sch. 10 para. 6(4)(a)**
- F27** Definition in s. 78(1) inserted (16.5.1992) by [Further and Higher Education \(Scotland\) Act 1992](#) (c. 37), s. 62(2), **Sch. 9 para. 5(5)**; S.I. 1992/817, art. 3(2), **Sch.1**.
- F28** In s. 78(1) in the definition of “education authority” and “educational establishment” for the respective references to subsections (16) and (17) of section 145 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there are substituted references to section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#) (c. 44, SIF 41:2), **Sch. 4 para. 15**
- F29** Words repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988](#) (c. 40, SIF 41:1), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237, **Sch. 13 Pt. II**
- F30** In s. 78(1) in the definition of “further Education” for the reference to subsection (21) of section 145 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there is substituted a reference to section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#) (c. 44, SIF 41:2), s. 136(2), **Sch. 4 para. 15**
- F31** In s. 78(1) in the definition of “independent school” for the reference to subsection (23) of section 145 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there is substituted a reference to section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#) (c. 44, SIF 41:2), s. 136(2), **Sch. 4 para. 15**
- F32** Definition of “industrial tribunal” repealed by [Industrial Training Act 1982](#) (c. 10, SIF 43:1), **Sch. 4**
- F33** In s. 78(1) in the definitions of “managers”, “proprietor”, “school” and “school education” for the respective references to subsections (26), (37), (42) and (43A) of section 140 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there are substituted references to s. 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#) (c. 44, SIF 41:2), **Sch. 4 para. 15**
- F34** Definition of “self-governing school” inserted (S.) by [Self-Governing Schools etc. \(Scotland\) Act 1989](#) (c. 39, SIF 41:2), s. 82(1), **Sch. 10 para. 6(4)(b)**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8** [S. 78\(1\)](#) modified by [Estate Agents Act 1979](#) (c. 38, SIF 124:1), s. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 4(2)**
- C9** In s. 78(1) in the definition of “education authority” and “educational establishment” for the respective references to subsections (16) and (17) of section 145 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there are substituted references to section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#) (c. 44, SIF 41:2), **Sch. 4 para. 15**

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- C10** In s. 78(1) in the definition of “further Education” for the reference to subsection (21) of section 145 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there is substituted a reference to section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(c. 44, SIF 41:2\), s. 136\(2\), Sch. 4 para. 15](#)
- C11** In s. 78(1) in the definition of “independent school” for the reference to subsection (23) of section 145 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there is substituted a reference to section 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(c. 44, SIF 41:2\), s. 136\(2\), Sch. 4 para. 15](#)
- C12** In s. 78(1) in the definitions of “managers”, “proprietor”, “school” and “school education” for the respective references to subsections (26), (37), (42) and (43A) of section 140 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 there are substituted references to s. 135(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(c. 44, SIF 41:2\), Sch. 4 para. 15](#)
- C13** [S. 78\(4\)](#) modified by [Estate Agents Act 1979 \(c. 38, SIF 124:4\), s. 3\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 4\(2\)](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M16** 1890 c. 39.
- M17** 1944 c. 31.
- M18** 1944 c. 31.
- M19** 1944 c. 31.
- M20** 1962 c. 12.
- M21** 1944 c. 31.

## 79 Transitional and commencement provisions, amendments and repeals.

- (1) The provisions of Schedule 2 shall have effect for making transitional provision for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint, and different days may be so appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.
- <sup>X1</sup>(3) The enactments specified in Schedule 3 shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in that Schedule (being minor amendments or amendments consequential on the preceding provisions of this Act).
- <sup>X1</sup>(4) The <sup>M22</sup>Sex Discrimination Act 1975 shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in Schedule 4, being amendments for bringing provisions in that Act relating to its administration and enforcement into conformity with the corresponding provisions in this Act.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of Schedule 2, the enactments specified in Schedule 5 are hereby repealed to the extent shown in column 3 of that Schedule.
- (6) ..... <sup>F35</sup>
- (7) An order under this section may make such transitional provision as appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in connection with the provisions thereby brought into operation, including such adaptations of those provisions, or of any provisions of this Act then in operation, as appear to the Secretary of State necessary or expedient in consequence of the partial operation of this Act.

#### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** [S. 79\(2\)](#): power of appointment fully exercised by S.Is. 1977/680 and 1977/840

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#### Editorial Information

**X1** The text of s. 79(3)(4), Sch. 1 para. 18(1)(2), Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(5), Sch. 4 paras. 1–9, Sch. 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

#### Textual Amendments

**F35** S. 79(6) repealed by [Public Order Act 1986 \(c. 64, SIF 39:2\)](#), s. 40(3), **Sch. 3**

#### Marginal Citations

**M22** [1975 c. 65](#)

### 80 Short title and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Race Relations Act 1976.
- (2) This Act, except so far as it amends or repeals any provision of the <sup>M23</sup>House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 or the <sup>M24</sup>Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975, does not extend to Northern Ireland.

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**M23** [1975 c. 24](#).

**M24** [1975 c. 25](#).

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