



Northern Ireland Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 47

PART VII

HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Equality of opportunity

78 Removal of restrictions on investigation into maladministration.

- (1) The provisions mentioned in subsection (2) (which preclude an investigation when the person aggrieved has or had a remedy by way of proceedings in a court of law) shall not apply to an investigation of a complaint alleging maladministration involving—
- (a) discrimination, or aiding or inciting any person to discriminate, on the ground of religious belief or political opinion; or
 - (b) a requirement in contravention of section 77 to take an oath or make a declaration (within the meaning of that section).
- (2) The provisions are—
- (a) section 5(2)(b) of the ^{M1}Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967;
 - [^{F1}(b) section 21(1)(b) of the Public Services Ombudsman Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 78(2)(b) substituted for s. 78(2)(b)(c) (1.4.2016) by [Public Services Ombudsman Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 4\), s. 64, Sch. 8 para. 8](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1967 c.13.

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland Act 1998, Section 78.