



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 2

#### EQUALITY: KEY CONCEPTS

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#### PROHIBITED CONDUCT

#### *Discrimination: supplementary*

#### **23 Comparison by reference to circumstances**

- (1) On a comparison of cases for the purposes of section 13, 14, or 19 there must be no material difference between the circumstances relating to each case.
- (2) The circumstances relating to a case include a person's abilities if—
  - (a) on a comparison for the purposes of section 13, the protected characteristic is disability;
  - (b) on a comparison for the purposes of section 14, one of the protected characteristics in the combination is disability.
- (3) If the protected characteristic is sexual orientation, the fact that one person (whether or not the person referred to as B) is a civil partner while another is married is not a material difference between the circumstances relating to each case.