



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 7

ASSOCIATIONS

Supplementary

107 Interpretation and exceptions

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) An “association” is an association of persons—
 - (a) which has at least 25 members, and
 - (b) admission to membership of which is regulated by the association's rules and involves a process of selection.
- (3) A Minister of the Crown may by order amend subsection (2)(a) so as to substitute a different number for that for the time being specified there.
- (4) It does not matter—
 - (a) whether an association is incorporated;
 - (b) whether its activities are carried on for profit.
- (5) Membership is membership of any description; and a reference to a member is to be construed accordingly.
- (6) A person is an “associate”, in relation to an association, if the person—
 - (a) is not a member of the association, but
 - (b) in accordance with the association's rules, has some or all of the rights as a member as a result of being a member of another association.
- (7) A reference to a registered political party is a reference to a party registered in the Great Britain register under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

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(8) Schedule 15 (reasonable adjustments) has effect.

(9) Schedule 16 (exceptions) has effect.

Commencement Information

- II** [S. 107](#) wholly in force at 1.10.2012; [s. 107](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 216](#); [s. 107](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2010 by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(7\)\(b\)](#) (with [art. 15](#)); [s. 107](#) in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)