
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 107 (C. 10)

EQUALITY

The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2017

Made - - - - *7th February 2017*

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 216(3) of the Equality Act 2010⁽¹⁾:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2017.

Provisions coming into force

2. The following provisions of the Equality Act 2010 come into force on 6th April 2017 —
 - (a) section 165 (passengers in wheelchairs) in so far as it is not already in force; and
 - (b) section 167 (lists of wheelchair-accessible vehicles) in so far as it is not already in force.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

7th February 2017

Andrew Jones
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force sections 165 and 167 (in so far as they are not already in force) of the Equality Act 2010 (c.15). Section 165 imposes duties on the driver of a designated taxi and the driver of a designated private hire vehicle (“a designated vehicle”), to carry passengers who are either wheelchair users or wheelchair users accompanying passengers, so as to enable wheelchair users to access and exit designated vehicles. Section 165 also creates a new criminal offence if the driver of a designated vehicle fails to comply with the duties specified in section 165. Section 166 provides that the driver of a designated vehicle is exempted from the duties imposed by section 165 if a licensing authority issues the driver with an exemption certificate which is in force and the prescribed notice of the exemption is exhibited in the designated vehicle in the prescribed manner. Section 166 also provides that a taxi or private hire vehicle is “designated” if it appears on a list maintained under section 167. Section 167 provides that for the purposes of section 165, a licencing authority may maintain a list of vehicles which are either taxis or private hire vehicles and conform to such accessibility requirements as the licensing authority thinks fit.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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| Sections 4 and 5 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 6(5) (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 6(6) (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
| Section 6 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 7 to 13 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 15 to 21 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 22 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 22 (in so far as not already in force) | 1s October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 23 to 27 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 28 to 31 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 28 to 31 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2012 | 2012/1569 |
| Section 31(9) (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st September 2012 | 2012/2184 |
| Sections 32 to 35 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 36(1)(a) to (c), (2) to (4), (7) and (8) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
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| Section 38(8) (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
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| Sections 39 to 60 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 61(8) and (9) (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 61 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 62 to 77 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 78 | 22 nd August 2016 | 2016/839 |
| Section 79 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 80(8) (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
| Section 80 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 81(partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 81 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 82 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 82 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 83(11) (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
| Section 83 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 84 to 93 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 94(12) (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
| Section 94 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 95 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 96(9)(b) (partially) | 3 rd September 2010 | 2010/2191 |
| Section 96(10) and (11) (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 96 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 97 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 97 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 98 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 98 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st September 2012 | 2012/2184 |
| Section 99 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 100 to 105 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |

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| Sections 108 to 115 | 1stOctober 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 116(1)(a) and (b) and (2) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 116 (1)(c) (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 116(1)(c) (in so far as not already in force) | 18 th March 2011 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 116(3) (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
| Section 116(3) (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 116(3) (in so far as not already in force) | 18 th March 2011 | 2010/2317 |
| Section117(1) to (4) (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 117 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 118 to 135 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 136(1) to (6)(a) to (e) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 136 (6)(f) | 18 th March 2011 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 137 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 138(1) and (2) and (5) to (7) (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 138 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 139 to 146 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 147(4) (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 147 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 148 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 149 | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |
| Section 150 (partially) | 18 th January 2011 | 2011/96 |
| Section 150 (in so far as not already in force) | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |
| Section 151 to 155 | 18 th January 2011 | 2011/96 |
| Section 156 | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |
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| Section 161 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 165 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 166 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 167(1) to (5) and (7) (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
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| Sections 187 and 188 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 189 (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
| Section 189 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 190 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 191 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 192 to 195 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Sections 196 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 197 | 19 th June 2012 | 2012/1569 |
| Section 202(1) (partially) | 11 th July 2011 | 2011/1636 |
| Section 202(3) | 11 th July 2011 | 2011/1636 |
| Section 202(4) (partially) | 11 th July 2011 | 2011/1636 |
| Section 202 (in so far as not already in force) | 5 th December 2011 | 2011/2646 |
| Section 206 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 211(1) (partially) | 6 th July 2011 | 2010/1736 |
| Section 211(1) (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 211(1) (partially) | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |
| Section 211(2) (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Section 211(2) (partially) | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |
| Schedule 1, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Schedule 1 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedules 2 and 3 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 2 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st September 2012 | 2012/2184 |
| Schedule 3 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2012 | 2012/1569 |

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| Schedule 4, paragraphs 1 to 4 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 4, paragraph 8 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 4, paragraph 9 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Schedule 4, paragraph 9 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedules 5 and 6 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 7, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Schedule 7 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
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| Schedule 9, paragraph 16 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
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| Schedules 12, paragraph 5 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Schedule 12 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 13 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
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| Schedule 17, paragraphs 1 and 6(1) to (7) (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Schedule 17, paragraphs 1 and 6(1) to (7) (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 17, paragraphs 2 to 5 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 17, paragraph 6(8) and (9) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 17, paragraphs 7 to 12 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 17, paragraphs 7 to 12 (in so far as not already in force) | 18 th March 2011 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 17, paragraphs 13 and 14 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 18 | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |
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| Schedule 21, paragraph 6 (partially) | 6 th July 2010 | 2010/1736 |
| Schedule 21 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |

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| Schedule 25 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
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| Schedule 26, paragraphs 13 to 60 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 26, paragraph 61 (partially) | 4 th August 2010 | 2010/1966 |
| Schedule 26, paragraph 61 (in so far as not already in force) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
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| Schedule 26, paragraph 82 (in so far as not yet in force) | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |
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| Schedule 26, paragraph 107 | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 27 (partially) | 1 st October 2010 | 2010/2317 |
| Schedule 27 (partially) | 5 th April 2011 | 2011/1066 |

(2) Paragraph 106A was inserted by [S.I. 2011/1060](#).