
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 1042

Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

PART VII

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Investigations

Restriction on disclosure of information

61.—(1) No information given to the Commission by any person (“the informant”) in connection with a formal investigation shall be disclosed by the Commission, or by any person who is or has been a Commissioner, additional Commissioner or employee of the Commission, except—

- (a) on the order of any court, or
- (b) with the informant's consent, or
- (c) in the form of a summary or other general statement published by the Commission which does not identify the informant or any other person to whom the information relates, or
- (d) in a report of the investigation published by the Commission or made available for inspection under Article 60(5), or
- (e) to the Commissioners, additional Commissioners or employees of the Commission, or, so far as may be necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, to other persons, or
- (f) for the purpose of any civil proceedings under this Order to which the Commission is a party, or any criminal proceedings.

(2) Any person who discloses information in contravention of paragraph (1) commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding^[F1] level 5 on the standard scale].

(3) In preparing any report for publication or for inspection the Commission shall exclude, so far as is consistent with its duties and the object of the report, any matter which relates to the private affairs of any individual or business interests of any person where the publication of that matter might, in the opinion of the Commission, prejudicially affect that individual or person.

Changes to legislation:

Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, Section 61 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 July 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 17 s.50](#)[Sch.4 para.13](#)
- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 32 s.74\(1\)](#)[Sch.4 para.12](#)
- Instrument rev. in pt. (saving) (prosp.) by [1998 c. 32 s.74\(2\)\(3\)](#)[Schs.56](#)
- art 61 ext in pt by [2001 c. 24 s 17](#), Sch 4, Pt 2, para 55

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amended by [1996 c. 46 s. 22](#)
- Act amended by [1996 c. 46 s. 22](#)

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

- Sch.3 rev. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 ss .99 100\(2\)](#) [Sch.13 para.2\(4\)](#). [Sch.15](#)
- Sch.6 para.2 rev. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 s. 100\(2\)](#)[Sch.15](#)
- art.19(6)(aa) added (prosp.) by [1997 c. 50 s.134\(1\)](#)[Sch.9 para.37](#)
- art.19(6)(aa) added (prosp.) by [1997 c. 50 s.134\(1\)](#)[Sch.9 para.37](#)
- art.54(2)(3)(4) rev. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 ss .99 100\(2\)](#) [Sch.13 para.2\(3\)\(b\)](#). [Sch. 15](#)