
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 1042

Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

PART VIII

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of Part IV

[^{F1}Burden of proof: county court

66A.—(1) This Article applies to any claim brought under Article 66(1) in a county court.

(2) Where, on the hearing of the claim, the claimant proves facts from which the court could, apart from this Article, conclude in the absence of an adequate explanation that the respondent—

[^{F2}(a) has committed an act of discrimination or harassment against the claimant which is unlawful by virtue of—

(i) Article 30, 31 or 32, or

(ii) any other provision of Part IV so far as it applies to vocational training, or]

(b) is by virtue of Article 42 and 43 to be treated as having committed such an act of discrimination[^{F3} or harassment] against the claimant,[^{F4} or

(c) has contravened Article 40 or 41 in relation to an act which is unlawful by virtue of Part IV,]

the court shall uphold the claim unless the respondent proves that he did not commit or, as the case may be, is not to be treated as having committed, that act.]

F1 SR 2001/282

F2 [Art. 66A\(2\)\(a\)](#) substituted (6.4.2008) by [Sex Discrimination \(Amendment of Legislation\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/963\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2(2), **Sch. 2 para. 17** (with reg. 5(1))

F3 SR 2005/426

F4 [Art. 66A\(2\)\(c\)](#) and preceding word inserted (31.3.2011) by [Sex Discrimination Order 1976 \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/156\)](#), **reg. 9**

Changes to legislation:

Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, Section 66A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 April 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.50Sch.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](#)

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](#)