
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Equality Act (Sexual Orientation)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

General duty in public sector of education

11.—(1) Without prejudice to its obligation to comply with any other provision of these Regulations, a body to which this paragraph applies shall be under a general duty to secure that facilities for education provided by it and any ancillary benefits and services, are provided without discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

(2) Article 101 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (power of Department of Education to give directions) shall apply to the performance of a body to which paragraph (1) applies to the duties imposed by regulations 9 and 10 and shall also apply to the performance of the general duty imposed by paragraph (1), as it applies to the performance by an education and library board of a duty imposed by the Education Orders.

(3) The sanctions in paragraph (2) shall be the only sanctions for breach of the general duty in paragraph (1), but without prejudice to the enforcement of regulations 9 and 10 and under regulation 36 or otherwise (where the breach is also a contravention of either of those regulations).

(4) Paragraph (1) applies to —

- (a) an education and library board; and
- (b) any other body which is a responsible body in relation to an establishment falling within paragraph 1, 4 or 5(b) of the table in regulation 9(1).