
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

Codes of practice

29.—(1) The Commission may issue codes of practice containing such practical guidance as the Commission thinks fit for —

- (a) the elimination of discrimination and harassment in the field of housing;
- (b) the promotion of equality of opportunity in the field of housing between persons of different sexual orientations.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), a code of practice issued under this regulation may include such practical guidance as the Commission thinks fit as to what steps it is reasonably practicable for providers of goods, facilities or services to take for the purpose of preventing acts made unlawful by these Regulations.

(3) When the Commission proposes to issue a code of practice, it shall prepare and publish a draft of that code, shall consider any representations made to it about the draft and may modify the draft accordingly.

(4) In the course of preparing any draft code of practice relating to the field of housing for eventual publication under paragraph (3) the Commission shall consult with such organisations or bodies as appear to the Commission to be appropriate having regard to the content of the proposed code.

(5) The Commission may from time to time revise the whole or any part of a code of practice issued under this regulation and issue that revised code, and paragraphs (3) and (4) shall apply (with appropriate modifications) to such a revised code as they apply to the first issue of a code.