

# Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 F1 (repealed 1.3.1999)

# **CHAPTER 32**

# FAIR EMPLOYMENT (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1989 (REPEALED 1.3.1999)

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11 Investigation of employment etc., practices.

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# Preliminary

In this Schedule "the investigation" means an investigation under section...

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2 Before holding the investigation, the Commission shall—

## Procedure

- 3 The Commission shall afford to every person such as is...
- 4 The investigation shall be conducted in private.
- 5 Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4 above, the procedure for...

# *Information and evidence*

- 6 For the purposes of the investigation, the Commission may obtain...
- 7 (1) For the purposes of the investigation the Commission may...
- 8 For the purposes of the investigation the Commission may also...

# Obstruction and contempt

9 (1) If any person, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse,...

## **Expenses**

10 Without prejudice to paragraph 7(3)(c) above, the Commission may, if...

SCHEDULE 2 — Minor and consequential amendments

The Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c.7 (N.I.))

In section 2(1) of the Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern...

The Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c.36)

2 In section 20(2)(dd) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973...

*The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c.24)* 

3 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c.25)

4 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland...

The Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1976 (c.25)

- 5 In section 1 of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act...
- 6 In section 2 of that Act—(a) for "Agency", wherever...
- 7 In section 16(3) of that Act—(a) in paragraph (b)...
- 8 In section 37 of that Act—(a) in subsection (1)...
- 9 In section 38 of that Act—(a) for "Agency", wherever...
- 10 In sections 39(1)(b) and 40(1) of that Act for "this...
- 11 In section 41(1) of that Act for "this Act", where...
- 12 In section 42(1) of that Act for "This Act" there...
  13 (1) Section 49 of that Act is amended as follows...
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   In section 50 of that Act, in subsections (1) and...
- In section 50 of that Act— (a) for "section 30",...
- 16 (1) Section 52 of that Act is amended as follows....
- 17 (1) Section 53 of that Act is amended as follows....

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- 18 (1) Section 54 of that Act is amended as follows....
- 19 In section 55(1) of that Act for "this Act" there...
- 20 In section 56 of that Act—(a) in subsection (2),...
- 21 In section 57(1) of that Act—(a) after the definition...
- 22 In Schedule 1 to that Act for paragraph 1 there...
- 23 In Schedule 1 to that Act for "Agency" wherever it...
- 24 In paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 1 to that Act for...
- 25 In paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 1 to that Act for...
- 26 In paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to that Act the...
- 27 In paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to that Act—
- 28 In paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to that Act—

The Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/1042(N.I.15))

- 29 At end of Article 49 of the Sex Discrimination (Northern...
- 30 At the end of Article 63 of that Order there...

The Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I.1976/1043 (N.I.16))

- 31 In Article 29(2)(a) of the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order...
- 32 In Article 32(3) of that Order at the end there...
- 33 In Article 38(2) of that Order for "court" there is...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

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