

*These notes refer to the Equality Act 2010 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010*

# **EQUALITY ACT 2010**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2: Equality: Key Concepts**

##### *Chapter 1: Protected characteristics*

##### *Section 4: The protected characteristics*

#### **Effect**

34. This section lists the characteristics that are protected by subsequent provisions in the Act.

#### **Background**

35. The protected characteristics listed are the same as those protected by previous discrimination legislation in Great Britain.