



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 5

#### WORK

### CHAPTER 1

#### EMPLOYMENT, ETC.

#### *Employees*

### **39 Employees and applicants**

- (1) An employer (A) must not discriminate against a person (B)—
  - (a) in the arrangements A makes for deciding to whom to offer employment;
  - (b) as to the terms on which A offers B employment;
  - (c) by not offering B employment.
- (2) An employer (A) must not discriminate against an employee of A's (B)—
  - (a) as to B's terms of employment;
  - (b) in the way A affords B access, or by not affording B access, to opportunities for promotion, transfer or training or for receiving any other benefit, facility or service;
  - (c) by dismissing B;
  - (d) by subjecting B to any other detriment.
- (3) An employer (A) must not victimise a person (B)—
  - (a) in the arrangements A makes for deciding to whom to offer employment;
  - (b) as to the terms on which A offers B employment;
  - (c) by not offering B employment.
- (4) An employer (A) must not victimise an employee of A's (B)—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (a) as to B's terms of employment;
  - (b) in the way A affords B access, or by not affording B access, to opportunities for promotion, transfer or training or for any other benefit, facility or service;
  - (c) by dismissing B;
  - (d) by subjecting B to any other detriment.
- (5) A duty to make reasonable adjustments applies to an employer.
- (6) Subsection (1)(b), so far as relating to sex or pregnancy and maternity, does not apply to a term that relates to pay—
- (a) unless, were B to accept the offer, an equality clause or rule would have effect in relation to the term, or
  - (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, except in so far as making an offer on terms including that term amounts to a contravention of subsection (1)(b) by virtue of section 13, 14 or 18.
- (7) In subsections (2)(c) and (4)(c), the reference to dismissing B includes a reference to the termination of B's employment—
- (a) by the expiry of a period (including a period expiring by reference to an event or circumstance);
  - (b) by an act of B's (including giving notice) in circumstances such that B is entitled, because of A's conduct, to terminate the employment without notice.
- (8) Subsection (7)(a) does not apply if, immediately after the termination, the employment is renewed on the same terms.