STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 107 (C. 10)

EQUALITY

The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2017

Made - - - - 7th February 2017

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 216(3) of the Equality Act 2010(**1**):

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2017.

Provisions coming into force

2. The following provisions of the Equality Act 2010 come into force on 6th April 2017 —

(a) section 165 (passengers in wheelchairs) in so far as it is not already in force; and

(b) section 167 (lists of wheelchair-accessible vehicles) in so far as it is not already in force.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Andrew Jones
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

7th February 2017

(**1**) 2010 c. 15.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force sections 165 and 167 (in so far as they are not already in force) of the Equality Act 2010 (c.15). Section 165 imposes duties on the driver of a designated taxi and the driver of a designated private hire vehicle ("a designated vehicle"), to carry passengers who are either wheelchair users or wheelchair users accompanying passengers, so as to enable wheelchair users to access and exit designated vehicles. Section 165 also creates a new criminal offence if the driver of a designated vehicle fails to comply with the duties specified in section 165. Section 166 provides that the driver of a designated vehicle is exempted from the duties imposed by section 165 if a licensing authority issues the driver with an exemption certificate which is in force and the prescribed notice of the exemption is exhibited in the designated vehicle in the prescribed manner. Section 166 also provides that a taxi or private hire vehicle is "designated" if it appears on a list maintained under section 167. Section 167 provides that for the purposes of section 165, a licencing authority may maintain a list of vehicles which are either taxis or private hire vehicles and conform to such accessibility requirements as the licensing authority thinks fit.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No.*
Sections 4 and 5	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 6(5) (partially)	6th July 2010	2010/1736
Section 6(6) (partially)	4th August 2010	2010/1966
Section 6 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 7 to 13	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 15 to 21	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 22 (partially)	6th July 2010	2010/1736
Section 22 (in so far as not already in force)	1s October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 23 to 27	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 28 to 31 (partially)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 28 to 31 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2012	2012/1569
Section 31(9) (in so far as not already in force)	1st September 2012	2012/2184
Sections 32 to 35	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 36(1)(a) to (c), (2) to (4), (7) and (8)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 37	11th July 2011	2011/1636

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No.*
Section 38(1) to (7) and (9)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 38(8) (partially)	4th August 2010	2010/1966
Section 38(8) (partially)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 39 to 60	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 61(8) and (9) (partially)	6th July 2010	2010/1736
Section 61 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 62 to 77	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 78	22nd August 2016	2016/839
Section 79	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 80(8) (partially)	4th August 2010	2010/1966
Section 80 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 81(partially)	6th July 2010	2010/1736
Section 81 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 82 (partially)	6th July 2010	2010/1736
Section 82 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 83(11) (partially)	4th August 2010	2010/1966
Section 83 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 84 to 93	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 94(12) (partially)	4th August 2010	2010/1966
Section 94 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 95	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 96(9)(b) (partially)	3rd September 2010	2010/2191
Section 96(10) and (11) (partially)	6th July 2010	2010/1736
Section 96 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 97 (partially)	6th July 2010	2010/1736
Section 97 (in so far as not already in force)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 98 (partially)	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Section 98 (in so far as not already in force)	1st September 2012	2012/2184
Section 99	1st October 2010	2010/2317
Sections 100 to 105 (partially)	1st October 2010	2010/2317