



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 4

PREMISES

Supplementary

38 Interpretation and exceptions

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) A reference to premises is a reference to the whole or part of the premises.
- (3) A reference to disposing of premises includes, in the case of premises subject to a tenancy, a reference to—
 - (a) assigning the premises,
 - (b) sub-letting them, or
 - (c) parting with possession of them.
- (4) A reference to disposing of premises also includes a reference to granting a right to occupy them.
- (5) A reference to disposing of an interest in a commonhold unit includes a reference to creating an interest in a commonhold unit.
- (6) A reference to a tenancy is to a tenancy created (whether before or after the passing of this Act)—
 - (a) by a lease or sub-lease,
 - (b) by an agreement for a lease or sub-lease,
 - (c) by a tenancy agreement, or
 - (d) in pursuance of an enactment,and a reference to a tenant is to be construed accordingly.

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- (7) A reference to commonhold land, a commonhold association, a commonhold community statement, a commonhold unit or a unit-holder is to be construed in accordance with the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.
- (8) Schedule 4 (reasonable adjustments) has effect.
- (9) Schedule 5 (exceptions) has effect.

Commencement Information

- II** [S. 38](#) partly in force; [s. 38](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 216](#); [s. 38\(8\)](#) in force for certain purposes at 4.8.2010 by [S.I. 2010/1966](#), [art. 2](#); [s. 38\(1\)-\(7\)\(9\)](#) wholly in force and [s. 38\(8\)](#) in force for certain further purposes at 1.10.2010 by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(4\)\(c\)\(d\)](#) (with [art. 15](#))

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)