

*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 16: General and Miscellaneous**

#### *Schedule 3: Services and public functions: exceptions*

#### **Part 6: Marriage**

#### **Gender reassignment: England and Wales: [paragraph 24](#)**

#### **Gender reassignment: Scotland: [paragraph 25](#)**

#### Example

- A Roman Catholic priest, who is recognised as an “approved celebrant” in Scotland, advises an engaged couple that he will not solemnise their marriage as he reasonably believes that one of the couple has acquired his or her legal gender under the Gender Recognition Act 2004. This would not be unlawful discrimination because of gender reassignment.