

# Equality Act 2010

## **2010 CHAPTER 15**

#### PART 2

**EQUALITY: KEY CONCEPTS** 

### CHAPTER 1

#### PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

#### 12 Sexual orientation

- (1) Sexual orientation means a person's sexual orientation towards—
  - (a) persons of the same sex,
  - (b) persons of the opposite sex, or
  - (c) persons of either sex.
- (2) In relation to the protected characteristic of sexual orientation—
  - (a) a reference to a person who has a particular protected characteristic is a reference to a person who is of a particular sexual orientation;
  - (b) a reference to persons who share a protected characteristic is a reference to persons who are of the same sexual orientation.