



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 12 **E+W+S**

DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

CHAPTER 3 **E+W+S**

RAIL VEHICLES

182 Rail vehicle accessibility regulations **E+W+S**

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations (in this Chapter referred to as “rail vehicle accessibility regulations”) for securing that it is possible for disabled persons—
 - (a) to get on to and off regulated rail vehicles in safety and without unreasonable difficulty;
 - (b) to do so while in wheelchairs;
 - (c) to travel in such vehicles in safety and reasonable comfort;
 - (d) to do so while in wheelchairs.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular, make provision as to the construction, use and maintenance of regulated rail vehicles including provision as to—
 - (a) the fitting of equipment to vehicles;
 - (b) equipment to be carried by vehicles;
 - (c) the design of equipment to be fitted to, or carried by, vehicles;
 - (d) the use of equipment fitted to, or carried by, vehicles;
 - (e) the toilet facilities to be provided in vehicles;
 - (f) the location and floor area of the wheelchair accommodation to be provided in vehicles;
 - (g) assistance to be given to disabled persons.
- (3) The regulations may contain different provision—

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- (a) as respects different classes or descriptions of rail vehicle;
 - (b) as respects the same class or description of rail vehicle in different circumstances;
 - (c) as respects different networks.
- (4) In this section—
- “network” means any permanent way or other means of guiding or supporting rail vehicles, or any section of it;
 - “rail vehicle” means a vehicle constructed or adapted to carry passengers on a railway, tramway or prescribed system other than a vehicle used in the provision of a service for the carriage of passengers on the [^{F1}trans-European rail system located in Great Britain];
 - “regulated rail vehicle” means a rail vehicle to which provisions of rail vehicle accessibility regulations are expressed to apply.
- (5) In subsection (4)—
- ^{F2}
 - “prescribed system” means a system using a mode of guided transport (“guided transport” having the same meaning as in the Transport and Works Act 1992) that is specified in rail vehicle accessibility regulations;
 - “railway” and “tramway” have the same meaning as in the Transport and Works Act 1992.
 - [^{F3}“trans-European rail system” has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011]
- (6) The Secretary of State must exercise the power to make rail vehicle accessibility regulations so as to secure that on and after 1 January 2020 every rail vehicle is a regulated rail vehicle.
- (7) Subsection (6) does not affect subsection (3), section 183(1) or section 207(4)(a).
- (8) Before making regulations under subsection (1) or section 183, the Secretary of State must consult—
- (a) the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee, and
 - (b) such other representative organisations as the Secretary of State thinks fit.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 182(4) substituted (16.1.2012) by [The Railways \(Interoperability\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3066\)](#), reg. 48, **Sch. para. 1(a)** (with reg. 3)
- F2** Definitions in s. 182(5) omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of [The Railways \(Interoperability\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3066\)](#), reg. 48, **Sch. para. 1(b)(i)** (with reg. 3)
- F3** Definition in s. 182(5) inserted (16.1.2012) by [The Railways \(Interoperability\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3066\)](#), reg. 48, **Sch. para. 1(b)(ii)** (with reg. 3)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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](#)