



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 12

#### DISABLED PERSONS: TRANSPORT

### CHAPTER 4

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

#### **188**    **Forgery, etc.**

- (1) In this section “relevant document” means—
  - (a) an exemption certificate issued under section 166, 169 or 171;
  - (b) a notice of a kind mentioned in section 166(3)(b), 169(4)(b) or 171(4)(b);
  - (c) an accessibility certificate (see section 176);
  - (d) an approval certificate (see section 177).
- (2) A person commits an offence if, with intent to deceive, the person—
  - (a) forges, alters or uses a relevant document;
  - (b) lends a relevant document to another person;
  - (c) allows a relevant document to be used by another person;
  - (d) makes or has possession of a document which closely resembles a relevant document.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (2) is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine or to both.
- (4) A person commits an offence by knowingly making a false statement for the purpose of obtaining an accessibility certificate or an approval certificate.

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- (5) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (4) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

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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](#)