

2015 No. 83

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

**The Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities)
(Scotland) Order 2015**

Made - - - - *24th February 2015*

Coming into force - - *1st April 2015*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 151(3) of the Equality Act 2010(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 152(3) of that Act, the Scottish Ministers have obtained the consent of a Minister of the Crown and have consulted the Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

In accordance with section 210(2) of that Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2015 and comes into force on 1st April 2015.

Amendment of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010

2. In Part 3 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010 (public authorities: relevant Scottish authorities)(b), at the end insert—

“Other bodies added on 1st April 2015

Historic Environment Scotland(c).

An integration joint board established by order under section 9(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014(d).

(a) 2010 c.15.

(b) Part 3 of Schedule 19 was last amended by S.S.I. 2012/55.

(c) Historic Environment Scotland is established by section 1 of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (asp 19).

(d) 2014 asp 9.

A regional board (within the meaning of section 35(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005(a)).”

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A member of the Scottish Government

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
24th February 2015

(a) 2005 asp 6; section 35(1) was relevantly amended by the Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (asp 12), schedule, paragraph 8(23)(a)(iv).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order adds certain bodies to the list of Scottish public authorities in Part 3 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010. The public authorities listed in that Part are subject to the public sector equality duty in section 149 of that Act.

The public sector equality duty is to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Act, to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.