

UK Civil Rights Timeline: Legislative Changes (1950s-Present)

This timeline focuses on key legislative changes in the UK concerning civil rights and equality from the 1950s to the present day.

Year	Legislation	Summary
1965	Race Relations Act 1965 ¹	Outlawed racial discrimination in public places, but with limited scope, excluding areas like employment and housing.
1968	Race Relations Act 1968 ¹	Extended the ban on racial discrimination to employment, housing, and public services.
1970	Equal Pay Act 1970 ¹	Prohibited discrimination based on gender in terms of pay and conditions of employment.
1975	Sex Discrimination Act 1975 ¹⁴	Outlawed sex discrimination in employment, education, and the provision of goods and services.
1976	Race Relations Act 1976 ¹⁴	Strengthened the Race Relations Act 1968 by introducing the concept of indirect discrimination and establishing the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE).
1995	Disability Discrimination Act 1995 ¹⁴	Outlawed discrimination against disabled people in various areas of life, including employment, education, and access to goods and services.
1998	Human Rights Act 1998 ¹⁴	Incorporated the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law, providing greater protection for fundamental rights and freedoms.
2000	Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 ¹	Extended protection against racial discrimination to all public authorities, including the police.
2003	Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003 ¹	Made it illegal to discriminate on the grounds of sexual orientation in employment and vocational training.
2004	Civil Partnership Act 2004	Granted same-sex couples legal recognition and similar rights and

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	¹	responsibilities to married heterosexual couples.
2004	Gender Recognition Act 2004 ¹	Allowed transgender people to legally change their gender.
2010	Equality Act 2010 ¹	Consolidated over 116 separate pieces of equality legislation into a single act, simplifying and strengthening the law on discrimination.
2013	Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 ¹	Legalized same-sex marriage in England and Wales.

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