

Advice and assistance Equality Card



Solicitor's information

You should ask the applicant to read this card. The applicant will provide you with the answer code to be completed at Section H of the advice and assistance application form.

Equality information to be completed by you, the applicant

The Scottish Legal Aid Board has to collect information to monitor equality of access of people applying for and/or receiving services paid for from the public funds we administer.

For example, we have a duty under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 to have due regard, in carrying out our functions, to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote equality of opportunity and good race relations.

You should read the questions on this card and tell your solicitor your answers.

Completion of this section is voluntary.

The information you give in your answers will **NOT** be used to decide if you qualify for legal assistance.

Question 1

If you do NOT wish to answer ANY equality questions:

-tell your solicitor to put a cross in box 1.

Question 2

How would you describe your ethnic origin?

Please indicate which groups you most identify with. Tell your solicitor the number next to your answer.

You should give one answer from Part A and one from Part B.

PART A

1. British or mixed British
2. Scottish
3. English
4. Irish
5. Welsh
6. Any other
7. I do not wish to answer

If you answered **OTHER**, if you wish you can tell your solicitor to write in a specific answer.

PART B

Asian

10. Bangladeshi
11. Indian
12. Pakistani
13. Other Asian background - *now go to Part C*

Black

14. African
15. Caribbean
16. Other Black background - *now go to Part C*

Chinese

17. Any Chinese background - *now go to Part C*

Mixed Ethnic Background

18. Asian and White
19. Black Caribbean and White
20. Black African and White
21. Other Mixed Ethnic - *now go to Part C*

White

22. Any White background - *now go to Part C*

Any Other Ethnic Background

23. Any Other Ethnic background - *now go to Part C*

No answer

24. I do not wish to answer

PART C

If you answered **OTHER** in Part B:

If you wish you can tell your solicitor to write in a specific answer.

Question 3

The Disability Discrimination Act defines disability as:
“a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out day-to-day activities.”

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

1. Yes
2. No
3. I do not wish to answer this question.

Thank you for completing these questions.