

**PRESS RELEASE:**

**NCPE with an extended remit**

The promotion of equality on the basis of sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, racial or ethnic origin, and gender identity in employment, financial institutions and education is now an area covered by the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE). The remit of NCPE was extended following amendments to *Chapter 456 Equality for Men and Women Act* recently approved in Parliament.

Persons who are discriminated against on the grounds of sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, racial or ethnic origin, and gender identity in employment, financial institutions and education can now seek assistance from NCPE and lodge a complaint with the Commission for further investigation.

Before the approval of amendments to *Chapter 456 Equality for Men and Women Act*, NCPE's remit covered the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of gender and family responsibilities in employment, and discrimination on the grounds of gender and race/ethnic origin in the provision of goods and services and their supply.

The National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) envisions a society which is equal and free from discrimination and champions inclusiveness whereby everyone is able to achieve their full potential.

For further information, contact NCPE on 2590 3850 or [equality@gov.mt](mailto:equality@gov.mt)

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