

# Human Rights

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## Recognition and equality before the law

Section 15 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* protects three different but related rights, and explains how special measures are allowed for certain groups.

This section protects you as a 'person' before the law, which means you have equal rights to access services and to be treated fairly by the law. It also ensures that laws, policies and programs are not discriminatory, and that individuals have the right to exercise their human rights without discrimination.

Through section 15, the *Human Rights Act 2019* recognises that some people have historically been disadvantaged or discriminated against. It allows for certain actions to help advance these people or groups, which does not count as discrimination against others.

### Find out more



To learn more about human rights in the Queensland public sector, visit the *For government* website at [www.forgov.qld.gov.au/humanrights](http://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/humanrights).



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