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Court Decision: Lee v Ashers Baking Co Ltd

The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland welcomes the judgement given today in Belfast in the case of Lee v Ashers Baking Co Ltd.

This case raised issues of public importance regarding the extent to which suppliers of goods and services can refuse service on grounds of sexual orientation, religious belief and political opinion.

The Court's decision confirms the legal responsibilities on all service providers not to discriminate against their customers on these grounds.

The Commission will consider the decision fully and its implications.

- Read the [full judgement](#) (pdf, 516kb)
- [Guidance for Service Providers following the case of Lee v Ashers Baking Co Ltd](#) (pdf, 73kb)