

# Acas publishes new guidance to mark 50th anniversary of equal pay law

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Workplace expert Acas has published [new guidance to help bosses and their staff understand the law around equal pay](#).

The Equal Pay Act came into force on 29 May 1970 and aimed to prevent discrimination between men and women's pay and other terms and conditions of employment. The equal pay rules have since been updated in the Equality Act 2010 and a statutory code of practice from the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

The law says that a person must not get less pay compared to someone else who is of the opposite sex and doing equal work for the same employer.

Acas's new advice covers the basics of equal pay law. It includes steps on how staff can raise concerns at work if they feel they have an equal pay case and good practice guidance for employers on how to try to prevent discriminatory practices in their workplace.

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