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News - New body seeks Act compliance.

The Association of British Insurers is lending its support to a new independent body aimed at helping employers cope with disability discrimination laws.

It is one of 13 founder members of the UK Council for Access and Equality - alongside Co-operative Financial Services - set up from within the private sector to assist organisations in meeting their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act.

UKCAE, which is a not-for-profit organisation, will formulate a set of standards in order to ensure compliance with DDA requirements. The standards will be formed through cross-community consultation of the **UKCAE** membership.

However, an ABI spokesman denied reports that employers meeting the new standards will be automatically eligible for lower insurance premiums. "That is not one of the stated intentions of the body but at the end of the day, those that comply with the legislation are likely to receive lower premiums."

The ABI spokesman said: "It's obviously important for insurers to follow all legislation and this scheme will fit in with better risk management."

UKCAE will be working with the UK Accreditation Service, the sole national accreditation body recognised by the government. Once the training and standards are completed there will be regular audits and a public logo awarded, enabling the public to see which companies are deemed accessible and inclusive.

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