
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 333 (C. 29)

DISABLED PERSONS

**The Disability Discrimination Act 1995
(Commencement No. 11) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

Made - - - - 17th September 2015

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 70(3) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995⁽¹⁾ and now vested in it⁽²⁾.

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Commencement No 11) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽³⁾ shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Appointed day

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the section 32⁽⁴⁾ of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (taxi accessibility regulations) is 18th September 2015.

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- (1) [1995 c. 50](#); section 70(3) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 is modified in its application to Northern Ireland by paragraph 48(1) of Schedule 8 to that Act
- (2) *See* [S.R. 1999 No. 481](#); Article 8(a) and Schedule 6, Part I for transfer of functions
- (3) [1954 c. 33 \(N.I.\)](#)
- (4) Section 32 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 is modified in its application to Northern Ireland by paragraph 16 of Schedule 8 to that Act

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on 17th September 2015



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A senior officer of the
Office of the First Minister and deputy First
Minister

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the coming into operation of section 32 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 which empowers the Department of the Environment to make taxi accessibility Regulations to ensure that disabled persons can get into and out of regulated taxis safely and be carried in safety and reasonable comfort and, in the case of disabled persons in wheelchairs to do so while remaining in their wheelchairs.

Under section 32 the driver of a regulated taxi is guilty of an offence if he fails to comply with any requirement imposed upon him by the taxi accessibility Regulations or if the regulated taxi fails to conform with any provision of the taxi accessibility Regulations with which it is required to conform.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

Prior Commencement Orders have appointed days for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 as modified in its application to Northern Ireland by Schedule 8 thereof:-

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Sections 1, 2 and 3	30 th May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Sections 4 and 5(1) to (5)	2 nd December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 5(6) and (7)	11 th July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 6(1) to (7), (11) and (12)	2 nd December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 6(8), (9) and (10)	11 th July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 7, 8(1) to (5) and (8)	2 nd December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 8(6) and (7)	11 th July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 9, 10, 11, 12(1), (2), (4) and (5)	2 nd December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 12(3) and (6)	11 th July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 13, 14(1) and (3)	2 nd December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 14(2), (4) and (5)	1 st October 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Section 14(6)	11 th July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 15(1)(a) and (2) to (10)	1 st October 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Section 16(1), (2) and (4)	2 nd December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 16(3) and (5) partially	30 th May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)