



# Disability Discrimination Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 50

### PART I

#### DISABILITY

#### 1 Meaning of “disability” and “disabled person”.

[<sup>F1</sup>(1) Subject to the provisions of Schedule 1, a person has a disability for the purposes of this Act [<sup>F2</sup>and Part III of the 2005 Order] if he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

(2) In this Act [<sup>F2</sup>and Part III of the 2005 Order] “disabled person” means a person who has a disability.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Act repealed (E.W.S.) (1.10.2010 (except for the repeal of ss. 49A-49D) and 5.4.2011 in so far as not already in force) by [Equality Act 2010 \(c. 15\)](#), 216(3), Sch. 27 Pt. 1 (as substituted (1.10.2010) by [S.I. 2010/2279](#), [Sch. 2](#)) (with ss. 6(4), 205, and with amendments and savings in the said [S.I. 2010/2279](#), [art. 16](#)); [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(15\)\(f\)](#) (with [arts. 4-25](#), [Schs. 1-16](#)); [S.I. 2011/1066](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)
- F2** Words in [s. 1](#) inserted (N.I.) (1.9.2005 for certain purposes, otherwise 16.1.2007) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/1117 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), [arts. 1\(2\)\(d\)\(3\)\(b\)](#), {48(2)}; [S.R. 2005/336](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch](#) (as amended (16.1.2007) by [S.R. 2007/25](#), [art. 2](#)); [S.R. 2005/337](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch](#).

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 1](#) applied (N.I.) (6.4.2005) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/1117 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), [arts. 1](#), [2\(3\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** [S. 1](#) wholly in force at 30.5.1996; [s. 1](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 70\(3\)](#); [s. 1](#) in force (E.W.S.) at 17.5.1996 by [S.I. 1996/1336](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#); [s. 1](#) in force (N.I.) at 30.5.1996 by [S.R. 1996/219](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Section 1.