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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 327 (C. 23)**

**EDUCATION**

**The Special Educational Needs and Disability (2016 Act)  
(Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Made - - - - 13th September 2016*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 (2) of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016<sup>(1)</sup> makes the following Order.

**Citation**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Special Educational Needs and Disability (2016 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

**Appointed Day**

**2.** The day appointed for the coming into operation of section 6 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 is 30th September 2016.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 13th September 2016

(L.S.)

*C Gillan*  
A Senior Officer of the Department of Education

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This order brings into operation section 6 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Section 6 provides that parents have 22 days in which to make representations, or provide written evidence, when the Education Authority notifies them that it has received a referral to make a statutory assessment under Article 15 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. The Authority can, with the parent's consent, proceed to the next stage before the 22 days has expired.