

# **Disability Discrimination Act 1995**

# CHAPTER 50

# DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

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#### Impairment

1 (1) "Mental impairment" includes an impairment resulting from or consisting...

## Long-term effects

2 (1) The effect of an impairment is a long-term effect...

#### Severe disfigurement

3 (1) An impairment which consists of a severe disfigurement is...

#### Normal day-to-day activities

4 (1) An impairment is to be taken to affect the...

# Substantial adverse effects

5 Regulations may make provision for the purposes of this Act-...

# Effect of medical treatment

6 (1) An impairment which would be likely to have a...

# Persons deemed to be disabled

- 6A (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a person who has cancer,...
  - 7 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies to any person whose name is,...

# Progressive conditions

8 (1) Where— (a) a person has a progressive condition (such...

# Interpretation

9 In this Schedule, "HIV infection" means infection by a virus...

# SCHEDULE 2 — Past Disabilities

- 1 The modifications referred to in section 2 are as follows....
- 2 References in Parts II and III to a disabled person...
- 2A In section 3A(5), after "not having that particular disability" insert...
- 2B References in Chapter 2 of Part 4 to a disabled...
- 2C In section 3A(5), after "not having that particular disability" insert...
- 3 In section 6(1), after "not disabled" insert " and who...
- 4 In section 6(6), for "has" substitute " has had "....
- 4ZA In section 24(3)(e)(i) and (f)(i), after "having" insert "had...
- 4ZB In sections 24D(2)(a) and 24J(3)(b), for "did not have" substitute...
  - 4A In section 28B(3)(a) and (4), after "disabled" insert "or that...
  - 4B In section 28C(1), in paragraphs (a) and (b), after "not...
  - 4C In section 28S(3)(a) and (4), after "disabled" insert "or that...
  - 4D In subsection (1) of section 28T, after "not disabled" insert...
  - 4E In that subsection as substituted by paragraphs 2 and 6...
  - 5 For paragraph 2(1) to (3) of Schedule 1, substitute-
  - 6 References in Chapter I of Part III of the 2005...
  - 7 References in Chapter II of Part III of the 2005...
  - 8 In Article 15(3)(a) and (4) of the 2005 Order, after...
  - 9 In Article 16(1) of the 2005 Order, in sub-paragraphs (a)...
  - 10 In Article 29(3)(a) and (4) of the 2005 Order, after...
  - 11 In Articles 30(1)(a) and (b) and 37(1)(d), (2)(c) and (3)...
  - 12 In Article 35(8) of the 2005 Order after "not having...
  - 13 In Article 37(4)(b) of the 2005 Order for "has" substitute...

# SCHEDULE 3 — Enforcement and Procedure Part I — EMPLOYMENT

# Conciliation

1 .....

Restriction on proceedings for breach of Part II

2 (1) Except as provided by section 8, no civil or...

Period within which proceedings must be brought

3 (1) An employment tribunal shall not consider a complaint under...

# Evidence

4 (1) In any proceedings under section 8, a certificate signed... Part II — DISCRIMINATION IN OTHER AREAS

Restriction on proceedings for breach of Part III

5 (1) Except as provided by section 25 no civil or...

#### Period within which proceedings must be brought

6 (1) A county court or a sheriff court shall not...

Staying or sisting proceedings on section 21B claim affecting criminal matters

6A (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where a party to proceedings under...

Restriction of remedies for section 21B claim relating to criminal matters

6B (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies to a remedy other than—

## Compensation for injury to feelings

7 In any proceedings under section 25, the amount of any...

Evidence

- 8 (1) In any proceedings under section 25, a certificate signed... Part 3 — DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOLS
- 9 Restriction on proceedings for breach of Part 4, Chapter 1
- 10 Period within which proceedings must be brought
- 11 Evidence

#### Part 4 — DISCRIMINATION IN FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

- 12 Restriction on proceedings for breach of Part 4, Chapter 2
- 13 Period within which proceedings must be brought
- 14 *Compensation for injury to feelings*
- 15 Evidence

# Part 5 — DISCRIMINATION IN GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS BODIES

#### Restriction on proceedings for breach of Part 4, Chapter 2A

16 (1) Except as provided by section 31ADA, no civil or...

## Period within which proceedings must be brought

17 (1) A county court or a sheriff court shall not...

#### Evidence

18 (1) In any proceedings under section 31ADA, a certificate signed...

# SCHEDULE 3A — VALIDITY OF CONTRACTS, COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND RULES OF UNDERTAKINGS

- PART I VALIDITY AND REVISION OF CONTRACTS
- PART II COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND RULES OF UNDERTAKINGS
- PART III INTERPRETATION

# SCHEDULE 3A — VALIDITY OF CONTRACTS, COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND RULES OF UNDERTAKINGS

- Part 1 VALIDITY AND REVISION OF CONTRACTS
- 1 (1) A term of a contract is void where—...
- 2 (1) Paragraph 1(3) does not apply—
- 3 (1) On the application of a disabled person interested...
  - Part 2 COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND RULES OF UNDERTAKINGS
- 4 (1) This Part of this Schedule applies to—
- 5 A disabled person to whom this paragraph applies may present...
- 6 In the case of a complaint about—
- 7 In the case of a complaint about a rule made...
- 8 (1) When an employment tribunal finds that a complaint...
- 9 The avoidance by virtue of paragraph 4(2) of any term...
  - Part 3 INTERPRETATION
- 10 In this Schedule "collective agreement" means any agreement relating to...
- 11 Any reference in this Schedule to a contract or act...
- 12 Where a term to which section 26(1A)(c) applies is a...

SCHEDULE 4 — Premises Occupied Under Leases Part I — OCCUPATION BY EMPLOYER OR TRADE ORGANISATION

#### Failure to obtain consent to alteration

1 If any question arises as to whether the occupier has...

Joining lessors in proceedings under section 8

2 (1) In any proceedings under section 8, in a case...

#### Regulations

3 Regulations may make provision as to circumstances in which—

## Sub-leases etc.

The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision supplementing,...
Part II — OCCUPATION BY PROVIDER OF SERVICES

# Failure to obtain consent to alteration

5 If any question arises as to whether the occupier has...

#### Reference to court

6 (1) If the occupier has applied in writing to the...

Joining lessors in proceedings under section 25

7 (1) In any proceedings on a claim under section 25,...

Joining lessors in proceedings relating to group insurance or employment services

7A (1) In any proceedings on a complaint under section 25(8)...

# Regulations

8 Regulations may make provision as to circumstances in which—

## Sub-leases etc.

9 The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision supplementing,...

# Part 3 — OCCUPATION BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- 10 Failure to obtain consent
- 11 Reference to court
- 12 Joining lessors in proceedings under section 28V
- 13 Regulations
- 14 Sub-leases etc.

## PART 4 — OCCUPATION BY GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS BODIES

## Failure to obtain consent to alteration

15 If any question arises as to whether a general qualifications...

#### Reference to court

16 (1) If the general qualifications body has applied in writing...

Joining lessors in proceedings under section 31ADA

17 (1) In any proceedings on a claim under section 31ADA...

#### SCHEDULE 4A — RESPONSIBLE BODIES FOR SCHOOLS

- 1 (1) The bodies responsible for schools in England and Wales...
- 2 (1) The bodies responsible for schools in Scotland are set...

SCHEDULE 4B — RESPONSIBLE BODIES FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- 1 (1) The bodies responsible for educational institutions in England and...
- 2 (1) The bodies responsible for relevant institutions in Scotland are...

# SCHEDULE 4C — MODIFICATIONS OF CHAPTER 2 OF PART 4 Part 1 — MODIFICATIONS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

- 1 For section 28R, substitute— Further education etc. provided by local...
- 2 For subsection (1) of section 28T, substitute-
- 3 In section 28W(1)(a) for "by an educational institution" substitute "...
- 4 Omit section 31A.
  - Part 2 MODIFICATIONS FOR SCOTLAND
- 5 For section 28R, substitute— Further education etc. provided by education...
- 6 For subsection (1) of section 28T, substitute— :
- 7 In section 28W(1)(a) for "by an educational institution" substitute "by...
- 8 Omit section 31A.

SCHEDULE 4C — MODIFICATIONS OF CHAPTER 2 OF PART 4

- Part 1 MODIFICATIONS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES FURTHER EDUCATION, ETC PROVIDED BY LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES
- 1 The following is substituted for section 28R— 28R Higher and... Part 1A — MODIFICATIONS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES – FURTHER
  - EDUCATION PROVIDED BY SCHOOLS, ETC
- 6 The following is substituted for section 28R—28R Further education...
- 9 Subsections (1A) to (1D) of section 28T (responsible bodies' duties...
- 10 In subsections (2) and (4) of section 28T, for "any...
- 11 In section 28W(1)(a) for "by an educational institution" there is...
- 12 Sections 28SA, 28UA, 28UB, 28UC, 28V(1A) and 31A are omitted....
  - Part 2 MODIFICATIONS FOR SCOTLAND FURTHER EDUCATION
- 13 The following is substituted for section 28R—Further education etc...
- 14 Subsections (1A) to (1D) of section 28T are omitted and...
- 15 In subsections (2) and (4) of section 28T, for "any...
- 16 In section 28W(1)(a) for "by an educational institution" there is...
- 17 Section 31A is omitted.

# Part 2A — MODIFICATIONS FOR SCOTLAND – RECREATIONAL OR TRAINING FACILITIES

- 18 The following is substituted for section 28R— Recreational or training...
- 19 In section 28S (Meaning of "discrimination"), the following subsection is...
- 20 In section 28S (Meaning of "discrimination"), the following subsections are...
- 21 Subsections (1A) to (1D) of section 28T are omitted and...
- 22 In subsections (2) and (4) of section 28T, for "any...
- 23 In section 28W(1)(a) for "by an educational institution" there is...
- 24 Sections 28SA, 28UA, 28UB, 28UC, 28V(1A) and 31A are omitted....

SCHEDULE 5 — The National Disability Council

#### Status

1 (1) The Council shall be a body corporate.

# Procedure

2 The Council has power to regulate its own procedure (including...

# Membership

3 (1) The Council shall consist of at least 10, but...

#### *Term of office of members*

4 (1) Each member shall be appointed for a term which...

#### Remuneration

5 (1) The Secretary of State may pay such remuneration or...

# Staff

6 The Secretary of State shall provide the Council with such...

Supplementary regulation-making power

7 The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—

#### Annual report

8 (1) As soon as is practicable after the end of...

SCHEDULE 6 — Consequential Amendments

Employment and Training Act 1973 (c. 50)

1 In section 12(1) of the Employment and Training Act 1973...

Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 (c. 44)

- 2 In section 136(1) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978...
- 3 .....

Companies Act 1985 (c. 6)

4 In paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 to the Companies Act...

Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42)

5 In section 7 of the Local Government and Housing Act...

Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 35)

6 In section 16 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland)...

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

SCHEDULE 8 — Modifications of this Act in its application to Northern Ireland

- 1 In its application to Northern Ireland this Act shall have...
- 2 (1) In section 3(1) for "Secretary of State" substitute "...
- 3 In section 4(6) for "Great Britain" substitute "Northern Ireland...
- 4 (1) In section 7(2) for "Secretary of State" substitute "...
- 5 (1) In section 8(3) omit "or (in Scotland) in reparation"....
- 6 (1) In section 9(2)(a) for "a conciliation officer" substitute "...
- 7 (1) In section 10(1)(b) omit "or recognised body".
- 8 In section 12(5) for "Great Britain" where it twice...
- 9 (1) In section 19(3)(g) for "section 2 of the Employment...
- 10 In section 20(7) for paragraphs (b) and (c) substitute ;...
- 11 In section 22(4) and (6) omit "or (in Scotland) the...
- 12 (1) In section 25(1) omit "or (in Scotland) in reparation"....
- 13 In section 26(3) omit "or a sheriff court".
- 14 (1) In section 28 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
- 15 Omit sections 29, 30 and 31.
- 16 (1) In section 32(1) for "Secretary of State" substitute "...
- 17 In section 33, for "Secretary of State", wherever it occurs,...
- 18 For section 34 substitute— New licences conditional on compliance with...
- 19 Omit section 35.
- 20 In section 36(7) for "licensing authority" substitute " Department of...

- 21 (1) In section 37(5) and (6) for "licensing authority" substitute...
- 21A (1) In section 37A(5) and (6) for "licensing authority" substitute...
  - 22 (1) In section 38(1) for "a licensing authority" substitute "...
  - 23 Omit section 39.
  - 24 (1) In section 40 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
  - 25 (1) In section 41(2) for "Secretary of State" substitute "...
  - 26 (1) In section 42 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
  - 27 In section 43 for "Secretary of State" wherever it occurs...
  - 28 (1) In section 44 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
  - 29 (1) In section 45 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
  - 30 (1) In section 46 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
  - 31 (1) In section 47 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
  - 32 Omit section 48(3).
  - 33 (1) In the heading to Part VI of this Act...
  - 34 (1) In section 51(1) for "the Secretary of State" substitute...
  - 35 For section 52 substitute— Further provisions about codes issued under...
  - 36 (1) In section 53 for "Secretary of State" wherever it...
  - 37 For section 54 substitute— Further provisions about codes issued under...
  - 38 In section 56(2) and (4) for "Secretary of State" substitute...
  - 39 In section 59(1) after "Crown" where it twice occurs insert...
  - 40 (1) In section 60(1) to (3) for "Secretary of State"...
  - 41 For section 61 substitute— Amendments of Disabled Persons (Employment) Act...
  - 42 (1) In section 62(2) for "Secretary of State" substitute "...
  - 43 Omit section 63.
  - 44 (1) In section 64(3) for "England and Wales" substitute "...
  - 45 Omit section 65.
  - 46 For section 67 substitute— Regulations and orders etc. (1) Any power under this Act to make regulations or...
  - 47 (1) For section 68(1) substitute—(1) In this Act—"accessibility...
  - 48 (1) In section 70(3) for "Secretary of State" substitute "...
  - 49 (1) In Schedule 1 in paragraph 7(1) for "Act 1944"...
  - 50 (1) In Schedule 3 in paragraph 1—
  - 51 (1) In Schedule 4 in paragraphs 2(1) and (5) and...
  - 52 (1) In Schedule 5 in the heading for "National" substitute...
  - 53 For Schedules 6 and 7 substitute— SCHEDULE 6 Consequential Amendments...

# Status:

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# Changes to legislation:

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