

**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(a) and now vested in it(b).

**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(c) 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(d) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (taxi accessibility regulations) is 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

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



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- (a) 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  
(b) *See* S.R. 1999 No. 481; Article 8(a) and Schedule 6, Part 1 for transfer of functions  
(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)  
(d) 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

## **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 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Sections 4 and 5(1) to (5)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 5(6) and (7)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 6(1) to (7), (11) and (12)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 6(8), (9) and (10)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 7, 8(1) to (5) and (8)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 8(6) and (7)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 9, 10, 11, 12(1), (2), (4) and (5)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 12(3) and (6)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 13, 14(1) and (3)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 14(2), (4) and (5)	1 <sup>st</sup> October 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Section 14(6)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 15(1)(a) and (2) to (10)	1 <sup>st</sup> October 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Section 16(1), (2) and (4)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 16(3) and (5) partially	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Section 16(3) to the extent not previously in operation	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 560 (C. 27)
Section 16(5) to the extent not previously in operation	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 17(1), (2) and (4)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 17(3)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 18(1) and (2)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 18(3) and (4)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 19(1)(a), (c) and (d), (2), (3), (4), (5)(a) and (b) and (6)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 19(1)(b)	1 <sup>st</sup> October 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Section 19(5)(c)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 20(1), (3) and (4)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 20(2), (5) and (9)	1 <sup>st</sup> October 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Section 20(6), (7) and (8)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 21(1), (2)(d), (4), (6) and (10)	1 <sup>st</sup> October 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Section 21(2) to the extent not already in operation	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2004	2001 No. 439 (C. 22)
Section 21(3) and (5)	26 <sup>th</sup> April 1999	1999 No. 196 (C. 18)
Sections 22, 23 and 24(1) to (4)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 24(5)	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 25 and 26	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 27 (1), (2), (4) and, to the extent not already in operation, (5)	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2004	2001 No. 439 (C. 22)
Section 27(3)	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001	2001 No. 439 (C. 22)
Section 28	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Section 37 (for certain purposes)	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2001	2001 No. 163 (C. 10)
(for all other purposes)	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2001	2001 No. 163 (C. 10)

Section 38	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2001	2001 No. 163 (C. 10)
Sections 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2003	2003 No. 24 (C. 1)
Sections 46 and 47, and section 48 in so far as it relates to section 46	13 <sup>th</sup> May 1998	1998 No. 183(C. 6)
Section 48 to the extent not previously in operation	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2003	2003 No. 24 (C. 1)
Section 49 in so far as it relates to documents issued under section 37 or 37A, a notice mentioned in section 37(8)(b) or 37A(8)(b), an accessibility certificate or an approval certificate	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2008	2008 No. 236 (C. 12)
Sections 50, 51 and 52	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 1996	1996 No. 1 (C. 1)
Sections 53, 54 and 56	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 55, 57 and 58	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 59	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Sections 60 and 61	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 62(1), (2) and (7)	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Sections 64 and 66	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Sections 67, 68(1) and 69	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Sections 68(2) to (5) and 70(4)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Section 70(7) and Schedule 1 (with the exception of paragraph 7)	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Schedule 1, paragraph (7)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Schedule 2	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Schedule 3 and Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraphs 1 and 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraph 3	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)
Schedule 4, paragraph (4) and section 16(5) in so far as it relates to it	30 <sup>th</sup> May 1996	1996 No. 219 (C. 9)
Schedule 4, paragraphs 8 and 9 and section 27(5) in so far as it relates to them	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2001	2001 No. 439 (C. 22)
Schedule 4, paragraphs 5, 6 and 7	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2004	2001 No. 439 (C. 22)
Schedule 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 1996	1996 No. 1 (C. 1)
Schedule 6, Schedule 7 and section 70(5) in so far as is necessary to effect the repeal of sections 1, 6 to 14, 19 and 21 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1945 and the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	1996 No. 280 (C. 13)

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