

*These notes refer to the Autism Act (Northern Ireland)
2011 (c.27) which received Royal Assent on 9th May 2011*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1 - Amendment to Schedule 1 to the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

Section 1 extends the list of “normal day-to-day activities” in Schedule 1 to the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Capacity to undertake these activities is used to assess whether someone’s condition falls within the definition of “disability” in the Act. The effect of section 1 is to clarify that a condition which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on someone’s ability to “take part in normal social interaction” or in “forming social relationships” can constitute a “disability”.