

**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2005**

S.I. 2005 1117

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER

Part II: Special Educational Needs

Chapter II of Part III: Further & Higher Education

10. This Chapter places new duties on further education and higher education institutions. The new duties are explained in the commentary on Articles 27 - 33. What follows is an overview of these new provisions:
- A duty not to treat students with disabilities less favourably, without justification, for a reason which relates to their disability; and
 - A duty to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that people who have disabilities are not put at a substantial disadvantage compared to people who do not have a disability in accessing further and higher education.