STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Special Educational Needs and Disability (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (Amendment) (Further and Higher Education) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

Duty to make reasonable adjustments

8. The following heading is substituted for that of Article 30 and the following paragraphs are substituted for paragraph (1) of that Article—

"Responsible bodies' duties to make adjustments

- **30.**—(1) Where—
 - (a) a provision, criterion or practice, other than a competence standard, is applied by or on behalf of a responsible body,
 - (b) it is a provision, criterion or practice relating to—
 - (i) the arrangements it makes for determining admissions to the institution, or
 - (ii) student services provided for, or offered to, students by the responsible body, and
 - (c) that provision, criterion or practice places disabled persons at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with persons who are not disabled,

it is the duty of the responsible body to take such steps as are reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, to prevent the provision, criterion or practice having that effect.

(1A) Where—

- (a) a provision, criterion or practice, other than a competence standard, is applied by or on behalf of a responsible body,
- (b) it is a provision, criterion or practice for determining on whom a qualification is to be conferred,
- (c) a disabled person is, or has notified the body that he may be, an applicant for the conferment of that qualification, and
- (d) the provision, criterion or practice places the disabled person at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with persons who are not disabled,

it is the duty of the responsible body to take such steps as are reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, to prevent the provision, criterion or practice having that effect.

(1B) Where—

- (a) a provision, criterion or practice, other than a competence standard, is applied by or on behalf of a responsible body,
- (b) it is a provision, criterion or practice other than one mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) or (1A)(b), and
- (c) it places a disabled person who—

- (i) holds a qualification conferred by the responsible body, or
- (ii) applies for a qualification which the responsible body confers, at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with persons who are not disabled,

it is the duty of the responsible body to take such steps as are reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, to prevent the provision, criterion or practice having that effect.

- (1C) Where any physical feature of premises occupied by a responsible body places disabled persons at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with persons who are not disabled in relation to—
 - (a) the arrangements which that body makes for determining admissions to the institution, or
- (b) student services provided for, or offered to, students by that body, it is the duty of the body to take such steps as are reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, to prevent the feature having that effect.
- (1D) Where any physical feature of premises occupied by a responsible body places a disabled person who—
 - (a) applies for a qualification which that body confers, or
 - (b) holds a qualification which was conferred by that body,

at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with persons who are not disabled, it is the duty of the body to take such steps as are reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, to prevent the feature having that effect."