



Disability Discrimination Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 50

PART II

[^{F1}THE EMPLOYMENT FIELD][^{F2} AND DISTRICT
COUNCILS][^{F3} AND MEMBERS OF LOCALLY-ELECTABLE AUTHORITIES]

[^{F4}Relationships between locally-electable authorities and their
members] [^{F5}Relationships between district councils and their members]

[^{F4}15C Authorities and their members: duty to make adjustments **E+W+S**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
 - (a) a provision, criterion or practice applied by or on behalf of an authority to which this section applies, or
 - (b) any physical feature of premises occupied by, or under the control of, such an authority,places a disabled person who is a member of the authority at a substantial disadvantage, in comparison with members of the authority who are not disabled persons, in connection with his carrying-out of official business.
- (2) It is the duty of the authority to take such steps as it is reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, for it to have to take in order to prevent the provision, criterion or practice, or feature, having that effect.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not impose any duty on an authority to which this section applies in relation to a member of the authority who is a disabled person if the authority does not know, and could not reasonably be expected to know, that the member—
 - (a) has a disability; and
 - (b) is likely to be affected in the way mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) Regulations may make provision, for purposes of this section—
 - (a) as to circumstances in which a provision, criterion or practice, or physical feature, is to be taken to have the effect mentioned in subsection (1);

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- (b) as to circumstances in which a provision, criterion or practice, or physical feature, is to be taken not to have the effect mentioned in subsection (1);
- (c) as to circumstances in which it is, or as to circumstances in which it is not, reasonable for an authority to have to take steps of a prescribed description;
- (d) as to steps which it is always, or as to steps which it is never, reasonable for an authority to have to take;
- (e) as to things which are, or as to things which are not, to be treated as physical features.]

Textual Amendments

- F4** Ss. 15A-15C and cross-heading inserted (E.W.S.) (5.12. 2005 so far as the amending provision inserts s. 15A to the extent that it relates to s. 15B, and s. 15B, and 4.12.2006 so far as the amending provision is not already in force) by [Disability Discrimination Act 2005 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 1, 20\(3\)-\(6\)](#); [S.I. 2005/2774](#), [arts. 3\(a\), 4\(a\)](#)

[^{F5}15C Councils and their members: duty to make adjustments **N.I.**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
 - (a) a provision, criterion or practice applied by or on behalf of a council, or
 - (b) any physical feature of premises occupied by, or under the control of, a council,
 places a disabled person who is a member of the council at a substantial disadvantage, in comparison with members of the council who are not disabled persons, in connection with his carrying-out of official business.
- (2) It is the duty of the council to take such steps as it is reasonable, in all the circumstances of the case, for it to have to take in order to prevent the provision, criterion or practice, or feature, having that effect.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not impose any duty on a council in relation to a member of the council who is a disabled person if the council does not know, and could not reasonably be expected to know, that the member—
 - (a) has a disability; and
 - (b) is likely to be affected in the way mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) Regulations may make provision, for purposes of this section—
 - (a) as to circumstances in which a provision, criterion or practice, or physical feature, is to be taken to have the effect mentioned in subsection (1);
 - (b) as to circumstances in which a provision, criterion or practice, or physical feature, is to be taken not to have the effect mentioned in subsection (1);
 - (c) as to circumstances in which it is, or as to circumstances in which it is not, reasonable for a council to have to take steps of a prescribed description;
 - (d) as to steps which it is always, or as to steps which it is never, reasonable for a council to have to take;
 - (e) as to things which are, or as to things which are not, to be treated as physical features.]

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Extent Information

E1 This section extends to Northern Ireland only; a separate s. 15C for England, Wales and Scotland only repealed (1.10.2010).

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