



# Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

## CHAPTER 8

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## SCHEDULE — AMENDMENTS TO PART 2 OF THE 1996 ORDER RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN OVER COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

1. In Article 7(3) for sub-paragraph (a) substitute—
2. (1) Article 7A is amended as follows.
3. (1) Article 8A is amended as follows.
4. In Article 10(3) for “the child's parent” substitute —
5. (1) Article 15 is amended as follows.
6. In Article 16(1) for “the child's parent” substitute “ the...
7. (1) Article 17 is amended as follows.
8. (1) Article 18 is amended as follows.
9. (1) Article 18A is amended as follows.
10. (1) Article 20 is amended as follows.
11. (1) Article 20A is amended as follows.
12. (1) Article 21A is amended as follows.

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13. (1) Article 21B is amended as follows.
14. (1) Schedule 1 is amended as follows.
15. (1) Schedule 2 is amended as follows.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 13 repealed by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 13\(5\)](#) (repealed on 23/3/2026)