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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 1282 (C.27)**

**DISABLED PERSONS**

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995  
(Commencement No. 5) Order 1998

Made - - - - 11th May 1998

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 70(3) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Commencement No. 5) Order 1998.

**Provisions coming into force**

2. Sections 46, 47 and, insofar as it relates to section 46, section 48 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 shall come into force on 13th May 1998.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions

*Glenda Jackson*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Environment, Transport and the  
Regions

11th May 1998

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(1) 1995 c. 50.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force sections 46, 47 and (partially) 48 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

Section 46 empowers the Secretary of State to make rail vehicle accessibility regulations to ensure that disabled persons, including those seated in wheelchairs, may get on to and off rail vehicles in safety and without unreasonable difficulty and may be carried in reasonable comfort.

Section 47 empowers the Secretary of State to make exemption orders exempting vehicles from the rail vehicle accessibility regulations, and to make regulations in respect of applications for exemptions.

Section 48 provides that where an offence is committed by a body corporate, or, in Scotland, a partnership or an unincorporated association, with the consent or connivance of certain persons, those persons shall also be guilty of the offence.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 have been brought into force by Commencement Orders made before the date of this Order:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 1	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 2	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 3	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 4	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 5(1) to (5)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 5(6) and (7)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 6(1) to (7), (11) and (12)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 6(8), (9) and (10)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 7	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 8(1) to (5) and (8)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 8(6) and (7)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 9	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 10	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 11	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 12(1), (2), (4) and (5)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474

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Section 12(3) and (6)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 13	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 14(1) and (3)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 14(6)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 16(1), (2) and (4)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 16(3) and (5) partially	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 16(3) to the extent not previously in force	2nd December 1996	1996/3003
Section 16(5) to the extent not previously in force	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 17(1), (2) and (4)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 17(3)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 18(1) and (2)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 18(3) and (4)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 19(1)(a), (c) and (d), (2), (3), (4), (5)(a) and (b) and (6)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 19(5)(c)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 20(1), (3) and (4)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 20(6), (7) and (8)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 22	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 23	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 24(1) to (4)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 24(5)	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 25	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 26	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 28	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 29(3)	31st July 1996	1996/1474
Section 30(1) to (6)	31st July 1996	1996/1474
Section 31	31st July 1996	1996/1474
Section 50	1st January 1996	1995/3330
Section 51	1st January 1996	1995/3330
Section 52	1st January 1996	1995/3330
Section 53	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 54	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 55	2nd December 1996	1996/1474

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 56	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Section 57	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 58	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 59	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 60	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 61	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 62(1), (2) and (7)	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 63(1), (2), (4), (5) and (6)	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 64	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 65	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 66	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 67	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 68(1)	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 68(2) to (5)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 69	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Section 70(4)	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Section 70(7)	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Schedule 1 (with the exception of paragraph 7)	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Schedule 1, paragraph 7	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Schedule 2	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Schedule 3	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Schedule 4, Part I, paragraphs 1 and 2	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Schedule 4, Part I paragraph 3	6th June 1996	1996/1474
Schedule 4, paragraph 4 and section 16(5) insofar as it relates to it	17th May 1996	1996/1336
Schedule 5	1st January 1996	1995/3330
Schedule 6	2nd December 1996	1996/1474
Schedule 7 and section 70(5) insofar as is necessary to effect the repeal of sections 1, 6 to 14, 19 and 21 of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1944 and section 2	2nd December 1996	1996/1474

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act 1958		