



Down Syndrome Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 18

An Act to make provision about meeting the needs of persons with Down syndrome; and for connected purposes. [28th April 2022]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Guidance on meeting the needs of persons with Down syndrome

- (1) The Secretary of State must give guidance to relevant authorities on steps it would be appropriate for them to take in order to meet the needs of persons with Down syndrome in the exercise of their relevant functions.
- (2) Relevant authorities must have due regard to the guidance in the exercise of their relevant functions.
- (3) Before giving the guidance the Secretary of State must consult such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (4) The Secretary of State must publish the guidance in such manner as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) The Secretary of State must lay the guidance before Parliament once it is published.
- (6) The Secretary of State may revise the guidance from time to time (and subsections (2) to (5) apply in relation to any revised guidance).
- (7) For the meaning of “relevant authorities” and “relevant functions”, see the Schedule.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.

***Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally enacted). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

- (2) This Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Down Syndrome Act 2022.