



Overview of National Disability Legislation in the United Kingdom

United Kingdom

Case study overview

Within the United Kingdom, the development and implementation of legislation and policies are performed using a bicameral system consisting of two houses as a legislative body: the **House of Lords** and the **House of Commons**.

Disability discrimination laws were developed in the 1990s when it became more widely recognised that disabled people were facing discrimination. The **Disability Discrimination Act** (DDA) originally implemented in 1995 has been significantly amended and extended over the past 15 years, gradually bringing more protection for disabled students.

The **Equality Act**, which came about in October 2010 has now taken over the DDA. As well as supporting the rights of disabled students by giving greater legal protection against discrimination, it emphasises the legal duty on education providers, employers and service providers to make reasonable adjustments so disabled people can take part in education, use services and work.



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