



Disability Rights and the Review of the Disability Act 2005: Your Views, Your Voice

**This is an easy to read
survey**

**Tell us
what
you
think**

1. Do you think the
idea is a good one?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Not sure



Participant Information Sheet



Who are the researchers?

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We teach law.

We research.

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We want to hear your views about the Disability Act 2005 and how it can be improved.



The survey is anonymous.



There are no right or wrong answers.
Please answer honestly based on your experience.

**It takes about
10–15 minutes
to finish.**



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But can take longer.



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The Survey

Section 1: About You

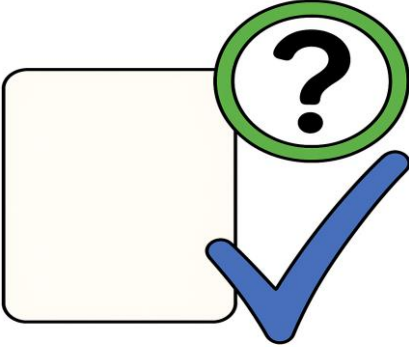


1. Do you identify as a person with a disability?

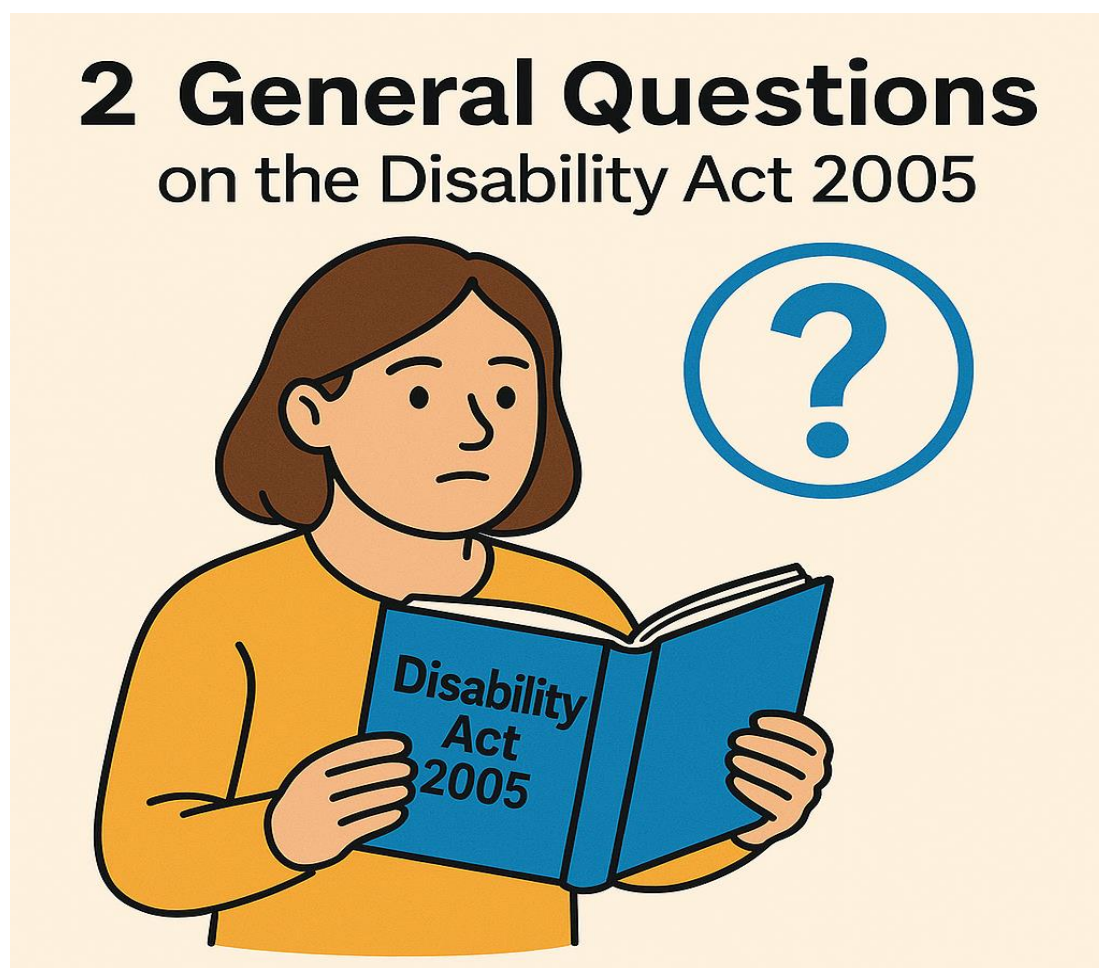
	Yes	
	No	

2. Which of these best describes you? (You can choose more than one)

	Person with a disability	
	Family member or carer for a person with a disability	
	Health or social care professional	
	Educator (teacher, lecturer, etc.)	

 Legal professional (solicitor, barrister)	Legal professional (solicitor, barrister)	
	Policymaker or public servant	
	NGO staff or disability rights advocate	
	Other (please tell us in this box) 	

Section 2: General Questions on the Disability Act 2005



3. How familiar are you with the Disability Act 2005?

 High Familiarity	High Familiarity	
 Moderate Familiarity	Moderate Familiarity	
 Low Familiarity	Low Familiarity	

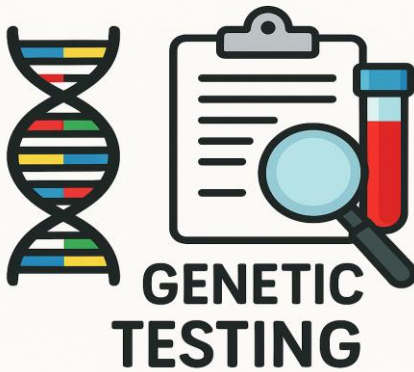
4. How effective has the Disability Act 2005 been in protecting the rights of disabled people?

	Very effective	
	Effective	
	Neutral	
	Ineffective	
	Very ineffective	

5. Do you feel that information about the Disability Act 2005 is easy to find and understand?

	Agree	
	Disagree	
	Don't know	

6. Which part of the Disability Act 2005 has helped disabled people the most? (Only select one)

	Assessment of Need and Service Statements	
	Access to Buildings and Services	
	Genetic Testing	

	Public Service Employment	
 Centre for Excellence in Universal Design	Centre for Excellence in Universal Design	
	None of the above	

7. Do you have any comments about the Disability Act 2005? (Write your answer here)

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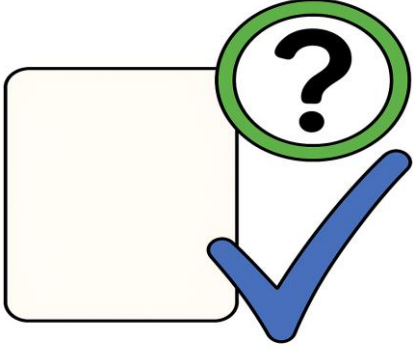
Section 3: Assessment of Need (AON)



Only complete if these questions apply (optional)

8. Have you or someone you care for had an Assessment of Need (AON) under the Act?

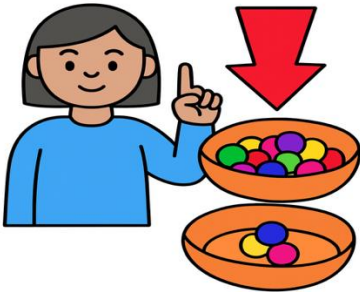
	Yes – myself	
	Yes – for my child or family member	
	Yes – in a professional capacity	
	No	

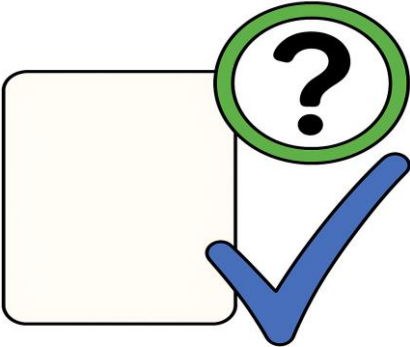
	Other (please tell us in this box) 	
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9. If yes, how effective was the Assessment of Need process?

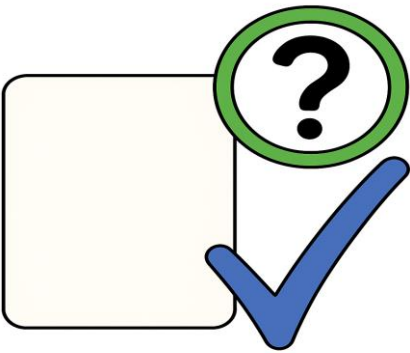
 Very effective	Very effective	
 Effective	Effective	
	Neutral	
 Ineffective	Ineffective	
 Very ineffective	Very ineffective	

10. If an Assessment of Need (AON) was completed, what happened after it?

	All recommended services were provided quickly	
	Some services were provided	
	Services came after a long delay	

	Services were not provided due to lack of resources	
	Still waiting for services	
	Other (please tell us in this box) 	

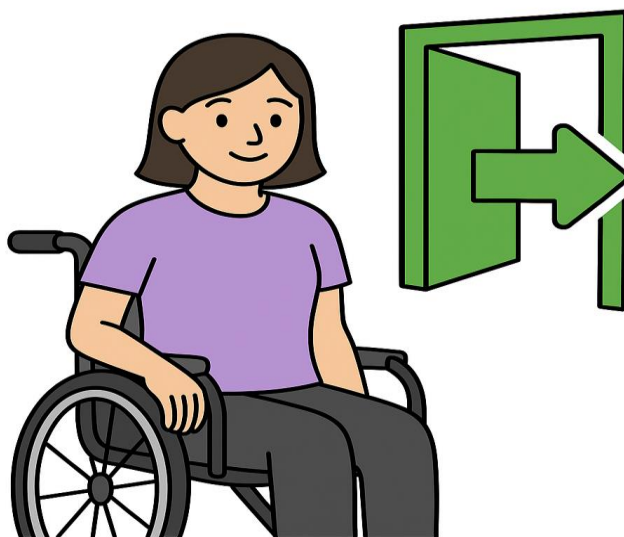
11. Have you ever been told that a service could not be provided due to lack of resources?

	Yes	
	No	
	Other (please tell us in this box) 	

12. Do you have any comments about the Assessment of Need? (Write your answer here)	
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Section 4: Accessibility



13. How effective has the Act been in improving access to public buildings, services, and information?

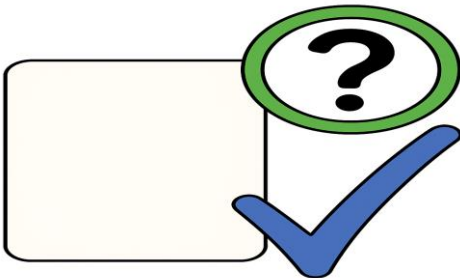
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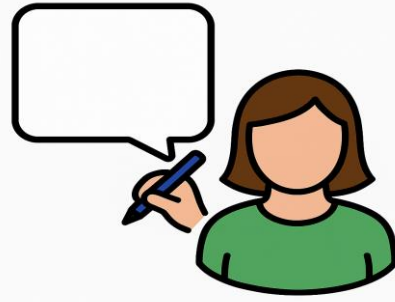
Very ineffective

Very ineffective

14. Do you know that every public body must have an Access Officer to help people with disabilities?

	Yes	
	No	
	Other (please tell us in this box) 	

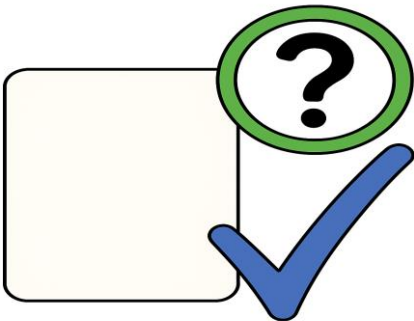
15. Do you have any thoughts about the Access Officer role? (Write your answer here)

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Section 5: Enforcement and Implementation



16. Do you know how to make a complaint or appeal under the Disability Act 2005?

	Yes	
	No	
	Other (please tell us in this box) 	

17. How effective are the Act's complaints and appeals systems?

 Very effective	Very effective	
 Effective	Effective	
	Neutral	
 Ineffective	Ineffective	
 Very ineffective	Very ineffective	

18. How well are the rules of the Act followed and enforced?

 Very effective	Very effective	
 Effective	Effective	
	Neutral	
 Ineffective	Ineffective	
 Very ineffective	Very ineffective	

19. Do you think the Act needs stronger enforcement measures (for example, penalties)?

	Agree	
	Disagree	
	Don't know	

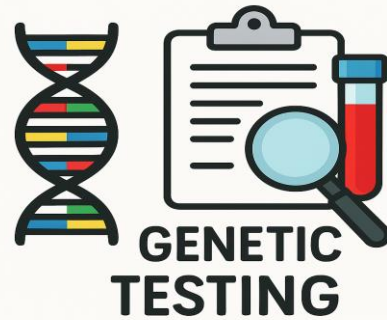
20. Do you have any comments about how the Act is put into practice? (Write your answer here)



Section 6: Other Parts of the Disability Act 2005



21. Did you know the Act includes rules about genetic testing in work and insurance?



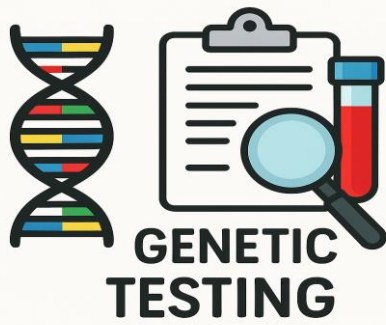
Yes



No



Not sure



**22. Do you have any thoughts about the rules on genetic testing in the Disability Act 2005?
(Write your answer here)**

23. The Act says public bodies should employ at least 6% of staff with disabilities. How effective has this been?

	Very effective	
	Effective	
	Neutral	
	Ineffective	

 Very ineffective	Very ineffective	
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24. Do you have any thoughts about employment of disabled people in public jobs? (Write your answer here)



25. How familiar are you with the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design?

 High Familiarity	High Familiarity	
 Moderate Familiarity	Moderate Familiarity	
 Low Familiarity	Low Familiarity	

26. Do you have any thoughts about the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design? (Write your answer here)



Section 7: International and European Perspectives



**International and
European Perspectives**

		27. How familiar are you with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)?	
 High Familiarity		High Familiarity	
 Moderate Familiarity		Moderate Familiarity	
 Low Familiarity		Low Familiarity	

28. What changes would make the Disability Act 2005 work better with the UN CRPD? (Write your answer here)

29. Do you have any thoughts about the European Union's role in disability rights? (Write your answer here)



Section 8: Review and Reform of the Act



30. Which areas should be top priorities for changing the Act? (Select all that apply)

	Guaranteeing services as rights	
	Better enforcement and accountability	
	Broadening eligibility (for example, adults in AON)	

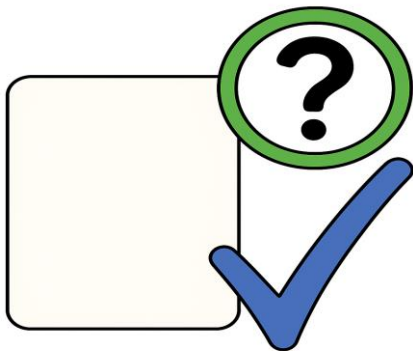
 An icon featuring a light brown document with horizontal lines and a green shield with a white checkmark, symbolizing stronger accessibility rules.	Stronger accessibility rules	
 An illustration of five diverse people (three women and two men) sitting around a round wooden table. On the table are two documents: one labeled 'Disability Act 2005' and another labeled 'CRPD' with the United Nations logo. A red arrow points from the first document to the second. One man is in a wheelchair. Two lightbulbs are shown above the group, indicating ideas or updates. The background shows a window and a framed picture.	Updating the Act to match the CRPD	
 An illustration of a classroom scene. A female teacher with grey hair, wearing a blue jacket, stands at the front of the room, gesturing with her hand. Four students are seated at a desk: a boy in a wheelchair, a girl, a boy, and another girl. They are all looking towards the teacher. A laptop is open on the desk. In the background, a large school building with a clock tower is visible through a window.	Better inclusion in education	



Better inclusion in jobs

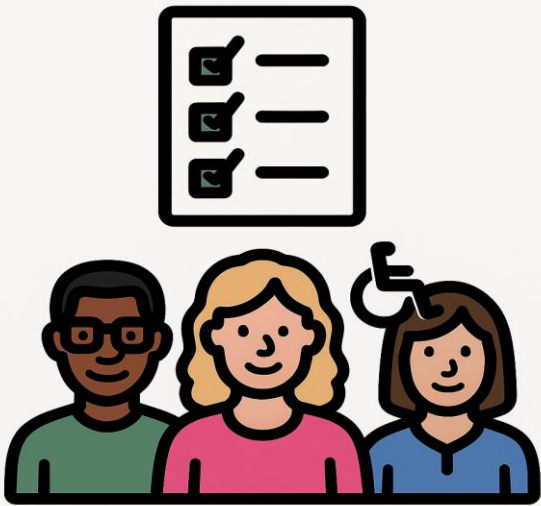
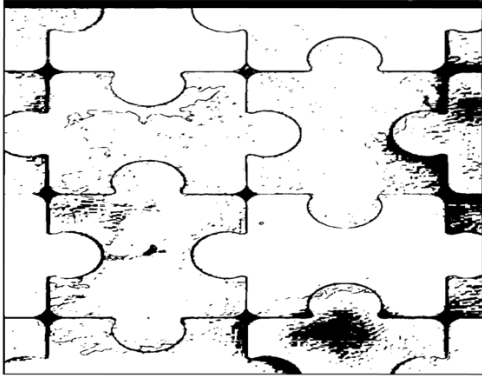


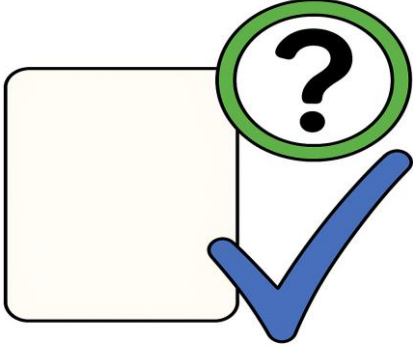
Right to live and be included in the community



Other (please tell us in this box) →

31. How should the review of the Disability Act 2005 happen?

 The Citizens' Assembly	Citizens' Assembly or public discussion	
	Expert Review Group (disabled people, academics, and DPOs)	
A Strategy for EQUALITY  Report of the Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities	New Commission on the Status of Disabled People §	

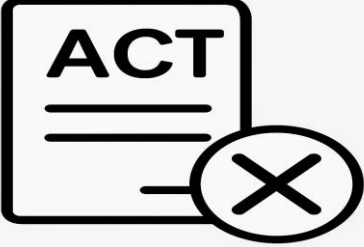
 An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais Department of Children, Disability and Equality	Department-led review with public consultation	
	Other (please tell us in this box) 	

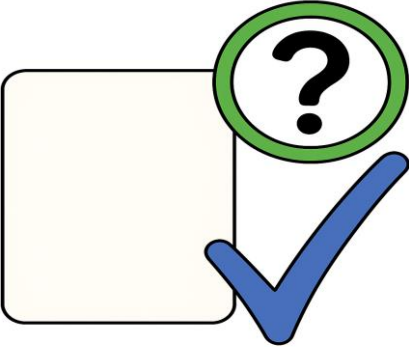
32. What role should disabled people have in the review of the Disability Act 2005? (Write your answer here)

**NOTHING
ABOUT US
WITHOUT US**



33. What do you think should happen to the Disability Act 2005 in the future?

	Keep it as it is	
	Keep it but make improvements	
	Reform and update it completely	
	Replace it with a new Act	

	Other (please tell us in this box) 	
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34. Do you have any comments on the Disability Act (Write your answer here)