

Government of Punjab
Department of Health & Family Welfare
(Health – 5 Branch)

Notification

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In pursuance of Govt. of India act " Rights of Person with disabilities 2016 (RPWD – 2016) and for the implementation of the said act, Department of Social Security and Women and Child development Punjab issued a Memo No. 1/1/2017 – 3DS/106362/1 at 13.09.2017. Through this it has been notified that Section 102 (1) of Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 stands repealed and RPwD Act – 2016 has come into force w.e.f 19.04.2017.

The Govt. of Punjab hereby specifies, for the purpose of issuance of certificates of Disabilities as per column 'II', the designated Institutions/ Hospitals where the disability certificates are to be issued as per column 'III' and the Doctors / Specialists in column 'IV' of the table given below, as "medical authorities" for the type of disability mentioned in column 'II' thereof.

| I | II | III | IV |
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| Sr No | Type of Disability | Institutions/ Hospitals where the disability certificates is to be issued | Medical Authority (Medical Officers, Specialists, SMOs, Civil Surgeons) |
| 1. | LOCOMOTOR a) Permanent Physical impairment of limbs b) Permanent Physical impairment of spine c) Permanent Physical impairment with Amputations d) Permanent Physical impairment such as in Club Foot & others | All District Hospitals and Sub Divisional Hospitals. | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board at district level. And concerned SMO of the SDH will head the board at the SDH level. b) Specialist in Orthopedics. c) One specialist as nominated by the board head as per the condition of the person with Disability eg : Pediatric, Skin, Neurological or Medical etc. |

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| | e) Disability due to chronic neurological conditions f) Spinal cord injuries g) Acid attack victims h) Cerebral Palsy affected i) Leprosy cured persons j) Short stature : Dwarfism k) Muscular dystrophy | All District Hospitals | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board b) Specialist in Orthopedics. c) One specialist as nominated by the board head as per the condition of the person with Disability eg : Pediatric, Skin, Neurological or Medical etc. |
| 2 | VISUAL IMPAIRMENT | All District Hospitals | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board b) One Ophthalmologist. |
| 3 | A) HEARING IMPAIRMENT B) SPEECH AND LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT | All District Hospitals | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board. b) ENT Specialist. c) One Audiologist / Speech language Pathologist as nominated by Civil Surgeon. |
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| 4 | A) INTELLIGENCE DISABILITY B) SPECIAL LEARNING DISABILITY | All District Hospitals | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board. b) Pediatrician or Paediatric Neurologist / Psychiatrist or Physician c) Clinical or Rehabilitation psychologist. d) Psychiatrist |
| 5 | MENTAL ILLNESS | All District Hospital | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board. b) Psychiatrist for clinical assessment. c) Trained Psychologist. |
| 6 | DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO CHRONIC NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS (Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinsonism etc). | All District Hospital | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board. b) Paediatric specialist for childhood Neurological conditions/ Psychiatrist for mental illness due to chronic neurological condition / Neurologist for chronic neurological condition without mental illness. c) Specialist for certifying Locomotor disability. |

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| | | | d) Trained Psychologist (clinical or Rehabilitation) to administer IQ test. However the Civil Surgeon can refer the case for opinion to the nearest State Medical Colleges and other institutions as mentioned in Note-2 |
| 7 | DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO BLOOD DISORDERS | All District Hospital. | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board b) General Physician or Paediatrician as the case may require. c) Orthopedic Surgeon. d) In case of disabilities sequel to visual abnormality, hearing problem, cerebral dysfunctions, respective specialist to be included in the board. |
| 8 | MULTIPLE DISABILITIES | All District Hospital | a) Civil Surgeon will head the board. b) Specialists required for assessing the disability as per requirement of respective Guidelines. |

Note:- 1. For Disabilities mentioned at Serial Nos. 1 (e to k), 2,3,4,5,6,7,8 consultation with Tertiary level institution may be/will be required. In such cases, if there is no doubt, the civil Surgeon will be competent to refer the case straight to the nearest Medical Colleges (as per list appended below) for opinion. However if there is any doubt, the board as mentioned in column IV will decide whether to refer the cases to medical colleges or decide the case in their level.

Note: - 2. The medical authority as notified in column no. IV may also refer the case for assessment to nearest higher health institution in the event of **non-availability** of the concerned specialists in the institutions mentioned in column no. III.

Note:- 3. Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh is the Appellate authority for all complaints/ disputes related to disability.

2. In case the consultation will be required, the following medical institutions can be considered for assessment:-

- Govt. Medical College, Amritsar.
- Govt. Medical College, Patiala.
- Govt. Medical College, Faridkot.
- Christian Medical College, Ludhiana.
- Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana.

- Shri Guru Ramdas Medical College, Amritsar.
- Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences, Jalandhar.
- Govt. Medical College, Sector 32, Chandigarh.
- Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

3. Explanation:-

- Sub Divisional Hospital means a hospital notified by the State Govt. as SDH and run by the Punjab Health System Corporation.
- District Hospital means Civil Hospital situated at district headquarter and run by the Punjab Health System Corporation.

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