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**Network of Organizations Working for
People with Disabilities, Pakistan**

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**BENEFITS / FACILITIES
ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

Requirements to Avail Benefits

In order to avail benefits provided by the Government, a person with a disability will need to obtain the following documents:

- Employment Exchange Card (Sindh only)
- Disability Certificate (applicable to all provinces)
- Special CNIC (applicable to all provinces)

For further details, refer to the NOWPDP SCNIC brochure or the website:
www.nowpdp.org

Education

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Primary Education in all Special Education Centers established by the DGSE across the country¹• Visually Impaired students are exempted from payment of admission fee and tuition fee.• Free Education up to Intermediate level for students with disabilities.	<p style="text-align: center;">Directorate General of Special Education (DGSE) Tel: 051-9261930, 9261929</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. Tel: 051-5476665</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministry of Education Tel: 051-9206338</p>

Employment

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2% quota for initial recruitment• 10 yrs age relaxation for initial appointment to posts in BPS -15 and Initial Appointment to Civil Posts.• People with physical, visual and hearing disabilities are allowed to sit for Competitive Exams against:	<p style="text-align: center;">Establishment Division Tel: 051-9208048</p>

¹ Visit www.nowpdp.org for list of Federal Special Education Centers under the DGSE.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commerce & Trade Groups • Pakistan Audit & Accounts Groups • Information Group & Postal Group. • In the following manner: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidates with disabilities (blind, deaf, mute, physically challenged) will be provided an assistive person/device (Writer, Computer, Audio Recorder, Braille) when requested by special students in application forms.² 2. Extra 15 minutes per hour allowed to visually impaired (Blind) candidates. • All persons with disabilities are eligible to appear in competitive exams for the Information department and Postal Services against 2% quota. <i>Requirements:</i> Disability Certificate • Vocational training and rehabilitation services offered (<i>Requirements:</i> Disability Certificate) in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welding Bench fitting (machinists) Knitting Tailoring Making electrical and electronic equipment attain • Computer training available at government's computer training institutes. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Federal Public Service Commission Tel: 051-9205075</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Training Centre for the Disabled (NTCD) Tel: 051-9234224</p>
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Travels

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% discount on fare for blind persons on presentation of certificate verifying applicant as a bona fide blind, from a registered Medical Practitioner/Head of recognized institutes for the blind. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pakistan Railways Tel: 0429201600</p>

² The candidates with disabilities seeking assistance to attempt the examination will appear at Islamabad Centre only. Candidates with disabilities must submit a certificate of disability issued by the competent authority.



You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentally & orthopedically handicapped athletes are allowed 40% discount in fare on production of letter/authorization signed by authorized officer of Special Olympics Pakistan or its authorized provincial chapters. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% discount on all classes (domestic & international flights) for Blind Persons on presentation of ID card issued by the General Secretary of Pakistan Association of the Blind or submission of a copy of the certificate indicating applicant's name, father's name, NIC number & that he/she is bona fide blind, duly signed by a Civil Surgeon with required seal of authority.³ 25% discount is allowed on market fares to attendants accompanying visually handicapped passengers on all Pakistan (domestic) flights. 	<p align="center">Pakistan International Air Lines (PIA) Tel: 021-904-0000</p>

Postal Services

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature and sound recorded material (videos) for blind persons are exempted from all postal charges provided that they are sent by or addressed to an officially recognized institute for the blind or by a blind person or addressed to a blind person in accordance with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Literature for the blind shall be packed in such a way that its contents are sufficiently protected while permitting quick and easy verification. 	<p align="center">Pakistan Post Tel: 051-9260016</p>

³ Discount is only applicable to citizens of Pakistan holding Pakistani passport/national identity card. Persons under 18 years of age who do not hold a national identity card must have their latest photograph properly attested by a first class gazetted officer and affixed on the certificate for domestic travel.



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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Literature for the blind may be placed in a wrapper, on a roller between card board, in open envelopes or containers which can be easily and safely opened and re-closed, or tied with a string which is easy to unknot. 3. Items shall be allowed to be opened for verification at will. 4. Items shall bear a white label with the symbol/ identification “Cecogram” (Literature for the blind) on the address side, in the top right hand corner. 5. Weight limited to 7 Kg. 6. The limits of the size of a packet should be within the prescribed parameters . 	

Custom relaxations on automobiles

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty exemption on locally assembled automatic cars, not more than 1300 cc, are subject to the following conditions⁴ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any evidence that the Person with Disability is an Income Tax payee. 2. His monthly income should be not less than ten thousand (Rs.10,000). 3. Possesses a Disability Certificate. 	<p>Ministry of Commerce Tel: 051-9205241</p> <p>Islamabad Traffic Police (IPT) Tel: 051-9261992</p>

Health

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free medical treatment in all Federal Government Hospitals. <i>Requirements:</i> Disability Certificate. 	<p>Ministry of Health Tel: 051-9208048</p>

⁴ Relevant application form and other information can be obtained from the office of the Deputy Secretary (Imports) Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.



Residence

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2% quota for purchase of land offered for sale by DHA and CDA, 50% discount on the initial and final payment. • Priority given to government employees with disabilities in allotment of houses (reserved quota in Federal Govt. Employee housing schemes). 	<p>Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad Tel: 051-2828390</p> <p>Ministry of Housing and Works Tel: 051-9217155</p>

Financial Assistance

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rs. 25,000 per annum available for families with two or more than two children with disabilities. • Rs.10,000 per annum available for families with one child with disabilities • <i>Requirements</i> : Application form, Copy of CNIC, A picture displaying the person's disability, Disability certificate. • A monthly payment of Rs.1,000 per family under the Benazir Income Support Program 	<p>Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Tel: 051-9250461-4</p>

Assistive Devices

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistive devices, such as wheel chair, white cane, and hearing aid, are provided by Bait-ul-Mal free of cost. <i>Requirements</i> : Same as those when applying for financial assistance • Artificial limbs and Prosthetics are available free of cost. <i>Requirements</i> : Disability Certificate. 	<p>Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Tel: 051-9250461-4</p> <p>Staff Welfare Organization (Establishment Division) Tel: 051-9208048</p>

CUSTOM RELAXATIONS

The Federal Board of Revenue has allowed custom relaxations in terms of waiving of import duties on the following items relating to Persons with Disabilities:



1. Wheel chairs
2. Artificial human parts
3. Hearing aids (all types and kinds)
4. Hearing assessment equipment:
 - Audiometers
 - ABR
 - Ota acoustic emission
5. Cochlear implant system.
6. Associated devices & materials
 - Hearing aid batteries
675, 13, 10, 5, 312
 - 2 pin & 3 pin cords
 - Ear mould material
 - Soft/hard mold fabrication material
 - Ear impression taking materials
 - Manufacturing equipment related (i-v) items.
7. Hearing impairment/deaf related:
 - Printed material
 - Software
 - Computer cards
8. Programming software & hardware
9. Items used for rehabilitation of blind persons
 - Sixer & eighter for Braille writing
 - Perkins braille machine
 - 4/6/9/27/36 Liner frames
 - Braille board for alphabet writing
 - White cane
 - Abacus frames (maths)
 - Mathematics slates for blind
 - Thermoform duplicating machine
 - Manila paper for duplication
 - Every card for brail writing
 - Magnifier glasses for low vision
 - Brail printing press.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Education

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free education in all Special Education Centers established under the Provincial Governments • Free Text books • Free Braille books in Urdu and English • Free Uniform • Free Food for children admitted to hostels of all Special Education Institutions. • Free pack of milk 250ml daily. • Free Pick and Drop facility. • Free hearing aids for children admitted to Special Education Centers • Free Wheel chairs 	<p>Special Education Centers, Provincial Government of Punjab Tel:042-2930323</p>



- Provision of three specially designed buses for children with wheel chairs.
- Grant of financial stipend per month to each child
- Grant of special allowance to teaching and non-teaching staff of special education institutions equivalent to the initial pay scale.
- 2% quota for the special children in the general educational institutions.
- Financial and technical assistance to the NGOs engaged in the education, welfare and rehabilitant of Persons with Disability.
- Option for blind students to use Braille machines during examinations conducted by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education across the province of Punjab.

**Education Department,
Punjab.**
Tel: 042-9219329

Employment

You are entitled to	Contact number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2% to 5% quota in the employment of Persons with Disabilities 	<p>Planning & Development Dept, Government of Punjab. Tel : 042-9213584</p>

Free Legal Counsel from the Legal Rights Forum

NOWPDP in partnership with the Legal Rights Forum has worked to ensure that any person with a disability is eligible for free legal counsel and representation by a member of the Legal Rights Forum.

To avail this, please call the Legal Rights Forum on: 021 708 2658



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