

Financial Assistance to Persons with Special Needs- as per notification by Delhi Govt.-
(popularly known as *Disability Pension*)

Eligibility Criteria-

1. To persons with disability irrespective of age (i.e. From birth until death)
2. Disability 40% or more to persons with following disabilities-
 - i) Blindness
 - ii) Low vision
 - iii) Leprosy-cured
 - iv) Deaf
 - v) Locomotor Disability
 - vi) Cerebral Palsy
 - vii) Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - viii) **Intellectual Disability** (Mental Retardation)
 - ix) Mental Illness
 - x) Dwarfism
 - xi) Muscular Dystrophy
 - xii) Acid Attack Victims
 - xiii) Hard of hearing
 - xiv) Speech and language disability
 - xv) Specific Learning Disabilities
 - xvi) Multiple Sclerosis
 - xvii) Parkinson's Disease
 - xviii) Haemophilia
 - xix) Thalassemia
 - xx) Sickle Cell Disease
 - xxi) Multiple Disabilities
3. Residence of min. 5 years in Delhi before the date of application
4. Annual family income of less than Rs 1,00,000 p.a. from all sources (including rent, interest on savings et cetera). Here "Family" means parents or if the parent(s) are not alive then legal guardian in case of the minor, unmarried, unemployed disabled person(s). In case of married disabled persons, it means wife /husband and minor or disabled adult children solely dependent on him/her. Applicant will need to give a self-declaration regarding income in the appropriate column provided in the application form.
5. The applicant should have an Aadhaar number.
6. The applicant should have a 'singly-operated' account in any Bank in National Capital Territory of Delhi only for receiving the payment through Public Financial Management System (PFMS). The provision for single account may be relaxed in case of minors.
7. Must not be receiving any pension/ financial assistance from Central Govt/ State Govt/ other governmental local bodies or any other source for this purpose

Application process

- a) Application to be made online on e-District portal www.edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in by registering through citizen log in or by approaching concerned District Social Welfare Office. In case of minors, Aadhaar of parent is to be registered first and then Aadhaar of minor is to be attached in profile.
- b) Aadhaar number is mandatory for filling up the application- without Aadhaar, application portal will not work.
- c) For applying, self-attested documentary proof for following needs to be scanned and uploaded.
 1. Age proof
 2. Residence proof
 3. Bank a/c number (Single a/c). This provision may be relaxed in the case of minors who can have bank account under guardianship .
 4. Disability Certificate issued by a Govt. Hospital as per norms.
 5. One passport size photo of the applicant
 6. Income self-declaration in the format given on the portal itself.

Receipt of application forms, sanction

1. New applications under the Scheme are received on the e-district portal under Disability Pension Scheme.
2. After submission of application, District Social Welfare Office will scrutinize the application and if required, call the applicant with relevant documents for verification.
3. Normally, the applications are disposed off within 45 days of receipt of applications, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
4. The payment to new applicants, if sanctioned, is made with effect from the month subsequent to the month of the application. Once the pension is started, the assistance is remitted regularly thereafter.

Mode of payment-

The assistance is remitted to the bank account of the beneficiary as per the Aadhaar number / account number of the beneficiary through PFMS portal.

Quantum of Assistance-

Rs. 2500/- per month.