



# **SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR DISABLED PERSONS IN LATVIA**

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# DETERMINATION OF DISABILITY

- Family physician and doctor send the person to the determination committee.
- Primary and repeated application – capacity for work and degree of severity of disability is determined by the committee of doctors – temporary or permanent disability
- Three degrees of severity of disability for adults ( 1 – profound, 2 – severe, 3 –moderate)
- For children until reaching the age of 18 the determination is done without dividing them into severity brackets.
- Projected disability.



# STATE SOCIAL BENEFITS

## *1. BENEFITS FOR DISABLED CHILD*

- Care allowance for disabled child – 213,43 EUR per month
- Additional disabled child allowance – 106,72 EUR
- Compensation of transportation costs for child with limited movement (79,68 EUR , 1 time in 6 months)
- State benefit for children suffering from Celiac Disease



## *2. BENEFITS FOR DISABLED ADULTS*

- Compensation of transportation costs for adult with limited movement
- State disability allowance
  - 1 group - 83,24 EUR;
  - 2 group - 76,84 EUR;
  - 3 group - 64,03 EUR
- 1 group disability determined since birth –  
138,73 EUR



- State social benefit for persons or their family members, who participated in the liquidation of the consequences of the Chernobyl accident 85,37 EUR
- Technical aids allowance for disabled 213,14 EUR
- Work injuries, occupational diseases
- Pension for incapacity for work (calculation connected to the length of service)
- Survivor's pension (106,72 EUR – loss of one provider, loss of other provider, additional – 69,37 EUR)



# SOCIAL SERVICES FOR DISABLED

## *1. STATE SERVICES*

- Long-term care in Social care center (adults and children with severe mental illness)
- Psychologist service for children and parents (2 times compensated by local municipality)
- Technical aids
- Personal assistant service to support education attainment (Organised by educational institution)
- Support person and personal assistant service (Organised by local municipality)



- Rehabilitation service for persons with visual and hearing impairment
- Rehabilitation service for persons with functional impairment
- Educational rehabilitation service (2 educational institutions)
- Vehicle adaptation allowance
- Housing adaptation allowance
- Exemption from payment for health care services for children and people with disability group 1



- Disabled person can request information from population registry free of state fee
- Disabled person in employment is entitled to income tax credit
- Application for passport with reduced rate of state fee
- Disabled person can use notary services free of state fee





- Disabled person who is registered at national employment agency can apply for state-subsidized employment
- Disabled person attaining education can apply for the reduction of student loan
- Disabled person is allowed to fish without official fishing permit



## *2. LOCAL MUNICIPALITY'S SOCIAL SERVICES*

- Community-based social services
- Day care center
- Community living service
- Supported living service
- The intermediate housing (before the full discharge of the care facilities)
- Special care services
- Social rehabilitation and community-based social work



## OTHER BENEFITS

- Tax credit for disabled person in employment.
- Public transport free of charge for disabled adults group 1, group 2, disabled child and for person accompanying disabled person group 1.
- Disabled persons with limited movement can insure and register their vehicle at reduced rate.

