

# SOCIAL BENEFITS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with disabilities, or if your child has a disability, you can apply to have you or your child's disability certified in Romania and receive a disability certificate. To do that, you should first ensure that you and your child have a TP permit with a full address (not a short, declared one).



The following laws regulate the rights and duties of persons with disabilities who are beneficiaries of temporary protection in Romania:

Law 448/2006 on the protection and promotion of the rights of people with disabilities (republished), EO 96/2024 and the common order no 3328/5955/19.12.2024 approving the medical-psychosocial criteria for determining the degree of disability of adults with disabilities coming from the zone of armed conflict in Ukraine.

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS? IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS?

Yes, if you are or your child is a person with disabilities and you obtain a **disability certificate issued by the Romanian authorities**, according to the degree of disability.

In order to receive a disability certificate, you as a person with disabilities (or as parent or legal representative of a child with disabilities) must have a temporary protection (TP) permit with a full address.



If you have received a disability certificate for you or your child, you **must** reapply every six months to have your or your child's disability recertified.

There are four degrees of disabilities:



4 = mild ("ușor");

3 = medium ("mediu");

2 = accented/ severe ("accentuat");

1 = profound ("grav") with or without a personal assistant.



## WHERE AND HOW CAN I APPLY?

To the Directorate General for Social Assistance and Child Protection (DGASPC) or the local Social Assistance Directorate (DAS) or Unit (CAS) in your local municipality.

### **Steps to be followed to apply for having the disability certified in Romania:**

There are several steps to be followed:

- (1) register with a family doctor, who will then refer you to specialized doctors by issuing a written note ("bilet de trimitere");
- (2) the specialized doctor(s) does/do the medical check-up, consultation, tests and issues a medical report in the end;
- (3) you should then take the medical report back to the family doctor, who will compile all reports received from the patient who visited several specialized doctors (according to his illness) into a single report;
- (4) you should bring all these medical reports from specialized doctors and the family doctor together with a filled in application form and the TP permit's copy (and birth certificate in the case of the child with disabilities) to DGASPC/ DAS or CAS, or send them alternatively by e-mail to the address indicated on the webpage of each DGASPC.

### **WHAT RIGHTS/ ENTITLEMENTS WILL I RECEIVE ONCE MY OR MY CHILD'S DISABILITY HAS BEEN CERTIFIED IN ROMANIA?**



All the rights to social assistance benefits for persons with disabilities, social services and other facilities that you can benefit from, depending on your degree of disability will be mentioned in the Plan that you will receive together with the Certificate.

# HOW MUCH IS THE BENEFIT THAT I WILL RECEIVE ?



## IF I AM ADULT WITH DISABILITY ?

- **mild disability (Degree 4, “UȘOR”)**: No allowance is issued, a monthly benefit from the General Directorate for Social Assistance of Bucharest Municipality(DGASMB) for persons with disabilities residing in Bucharest (see details below);
- **moderate disability (Degree 3, “MEDIU”)**: you are entitled to a monthly complementary personal budget of 80 lei;
- **severe disability (Degree 2, “ACCENTUAT”)**:
  - a monthly allowance of 350 lei and a monthly complementary personal budget of 146 lei;
  - free bus, boat or train trips between cities (up to the cost corresponding to second-class seats in trains between counties). Maximum support with 12 trips in one year or with 750 lei reimbursement for fuel;
  - free tram and bus trips within cities, and a monthly subway pass discount with an unlimited number of trips. (These transportation facilities are provided on the basis of a request from the person with disabilities.)
- **profound disability (Degree 1 “GRAV”)**:
  - a monthly allowance of 529 lei and a monthly complementary personal budget of 199 lei;
  - free bus, boat or train trips between cities (up to the cost corresponding to second-class seats in trains between counties). Maximum support with 24 trips in one year or with 1,500 lei reimbursement for fuel;
  - free tram and bus trips within cities, and a monthly subway pass discount with an unlimited number of trips.
- **profound disability WITH a PERSONAL ASSISTANT (Degree 1 “GRAV CU ASISTENT PERSONAL”)**: in addition to the benefits associated with Degree 4, you must choose between having a personal assistant hired and paid by the municipality or receiving a compensation allowance, instead of the personal assistant, of 2,574 lei.



## IF I HAVE A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES OR A CHILD WITH HIV/AIDS?

- **mild disability (Degree 4, “UȘOR”)**: No allowance. One monthly benefit from DGASMB is given upon request to persons with disabilities residing in Bucharest (see details below);
- **moderate disability (Degree 3, “MEDIU”)**: a monthly allowance of 80 lei;
- **severe disability (Degree 2, “ACCENTUAT”)**:
  - a monthly allowance of 232 lei;
  - free bus, boat or train trips between cities (up to the cost corresponding to second-class seats in trains between counties). Maximum support with 12 trips in one year or with 750 lei reimbursement for fuel;
  - free tram and bus trips within cities, and a monthly subway pass discount with an unlimited number of trips.
- **for profound (Degree 1 “GRAV”): a monthly allowance of 463 lei; for profound WITH a PERSONAL ASSISTANT (Degree 1 “GRAV CU ASISTENT PERSONAL”)**: in addition to these benefits, the legal representative of the child with disability must choose between: having a personal assistant hired and paid by the municipality or receiving a compensation allowance (instead of the personal assistant) of 574 lei. **In addition to those benefits, all persons with a PROFOUND (GRAV) disability degree are entitled, upon request, to:**
  - free bus, boat or train trips between cities (up to the cost corresponding to second-class seats in trains between counties). Maximum support with 24 trips in one year or with 1,500 lei reimbursement for fuel;
  - free tram and bus trips within cities, and a monthly subway pass discount with an unlimited number of trips.



If you are an adult with disability and you live in Bucharest or you have a child with a disability and you are both living in Bucharest you may also benefit, upon request to DGASMB, from a monthly allowance of 500 lei/adult or 1,000 lei/child, until the expiration of the disability certificate, provided that you have been living in Bucharest for at least six months prior to applying for this benefit and you have no debts to the local budget.

If you are a single parent who is raising or caring for a child with disability up to three years of age, you may receive a monthly child-raising allowance equal to the minimum allowance, which is now 1,650 lei/month. If you are receiving a lump sum, you can only start benefitting from the child-raising allowance when you no longer benefit from the lump sum.

You can also benefit from free of charge social services (rehabilitation, day centers, etc.) and they are mentioned in the plan that you will receive as an annex to the disability certificate.



## WHAT OBLIGATIONS WILL I HAVE ONCE MY DISABILITY HAS BEEN CERTIFIED IN ROMANIA?

If you wish to continue receiving the corresponding benefits, you need to undergo a disability re-assessment **every six months**.

## INFO SUPPORT

- **Centrul Național de Informare Publică: +40 213 456 789**
- **Consiliul Național Român pentru Refugiați (CNRR): +40 730 073 170**
- **UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency: +40 723 653 651**
- **Call Center Nicolina(for Iasi only): +40 724 700 087**

