How can you get a Disability Certificate?

A Disability Certificate is a government certification of the nature and extent of the disability that a person has. It is the basic document that any Indian with any disability of more than 40% requires in order to avail government facilities, benefits, entitlements and concessions.

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Note that under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a Disability Certificate is NOT required for admission to school.

Who is authorised to issue a Disability Certificate?

State/ District Government Hospitals have Medical Boards which are the certifying authority to issue a Disability Certificate.

The Medical Board consists of:
- Chief Medical Officer/ Sub-Divisional Medical Officer in the district
- An expert in the specified field such as Psychiatrist/ or Clinical Psychologist in case of intellectual disabilities; an Ophthalmologist in case of visual handicaps; ENT specialist/ Audiologist in case of speech and hearing handicaps; Orthopaedician/ or Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist in case of locomotor handicaps.

What are the steps for obtaining a Disability Certificate?

Step 1. Obtain a Medical Certificate from a qualified specialist who is an expert in the specified field. To the extent possible, this should be a government doctor, however, the new Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 specifies that medical certification from a qualified private medical specialist would also be considered by the Medical Board.

Step 2. Identify an authorized hospital in your district/ state.
For a list of the Notified Government Hospitals in Delhi-NCT, click here.

Step 3. Fill out the application form for the Disability Certificate.
Get the Application Form. Click here.

Step 4. Attach the Medical Certificate and supporting Documents.

Step 5. The parent of a person with disability, or the person her/ himself, should submit the Application Form and supporting documents to the nearest State/ District Government Hospital with her/ his request for obtaining a Disability Certificate.

The following supporting documents are to be provided:
- Recent passport size photographs: 4
- Full-size (head-to-toe) photographs: 2
- Copy of proof of residence attested by a gazetted office.
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Attention!

- The Disability Certificate has lifelong validity for persons above the age of 18 years.
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- For persons less than 18 years, update the Disability Certificate once in every 5 years.

Note that in the case of permanent disability, no fresh medical examination is required for certification.

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