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Title	<b>The rights of disabled persons</b>	
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- **Are you aware of the rights of persons with disabilities to receive an education?**
- **What labor rights guarantees do persons with disabilities have?**
- **How are persons with disabilities socially protected?**

**How is the status of disabled person determined?**

**In accordance with Article 37 of the Law “On protection of citizens’ health”**, medical labor expert commission establishes the cause and degree of disability, degree of disablement of citizens, defines the types, scope and timing of their rehabilitation and social protection measures, provides relevant conclusions, which are mandatory for administration of enterprises, institutions, organizations, and public associations.

**The right of disabled persons to receive an education and professional training**

**In accordance with Chapter 4 of the Law “On social protection of disabled people in the Republic of Uzbekistan”:**

- Preschool education of disabled children is provided in preschool educational institutions, including boarding schools.
- General secondary, vocational secondary education, vocational and higher education of the disabled is available in all educational institutions and, if necessary - in specialized educational institutions.
- Professional training and development of persons with disabilities is provided in educational institutions, including specialized educational institutions and at the enterprises of public associations of the disabled.

**Labor rights available to disabled persons**

**In accordance with Chapter 5 of the Law “On social protection of disabled people in the Republic of Uzbekistan”:**

- A disabled person has the right to work in organizations with common labor conditions, at specialized enterprises, in shops and sites that employ disabled persons, as well as have a right to self-employment or other activity.
- Taking into account the needs of disabled people and local conditions, specialized enterprises, shops and sites shall be created to employ people with disabilities. Visually impaired persons shall have preferential right to participate in production, conditions of which are consistent with their capabilities.
- In enterprises, in institutions and organizations where more than twenty people are employed, a minimal number of positions shall be reserved to persons with disabilities in the amount of not less than three percent of the total number of employees.
- Local public authorities and organizations shall provide necessary assistance to the disabled working at home, as well as to persons with disabilities involved in entrepreneurial activities in providing non-residential premises for specified activities, in acquisition of raw materials and sales of products.

**In accordance with the Regulations on reservation of positions for persons in need of social protection and experiencing difficulties in finding work, jobs reserved for the disabled should have:**

- for large families with disabled children - flexible work schedule that allows to harmonize the task of parenting and work responsibilities;
- for disabled people - certified for working conditions and allowing the employee (taking into account his health status and taking into account contraindications to work) to perform workflows without obstacles.

**Health care coverage of disabled persons**

**In accordance with Article 22 of the Law “On protection of citizens’ health”:**

- Persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities and persons with lifelong disabilities shall be entitled to medical and social assistance, all necessarily rehabilitation treatments, provision of medicines, orthopedic devices, means of transportation on preferential terms, as well as vocational training and retraining.
- Persons with disabilities shall have the right to free health care in public health, labor and social protection of population institutions, home care, while single persons with disabilities in need of constant care, disabled with chronic mental illnesses to maintenance in the institutions of labor and social protection of population.

**In accordance with article 28 of the Law “On guarantees of the rights of the child”, children with disabilities shall have the right to free health care in public health, labor and social protection of institutions, home care.**

## **Social protection guaranteed to disabled persons**

**In accordance with article 26 of the Law “On guarantees of social protection of the disabled in the Republic of Uzbekistan”,** social aid to the disabled is provided in the form of:

- cash payments (pensions, lump sum payment);
- technical or other means, including cars, wheelchairs, orthopedic products, publications with special font, sound-amplifying equipment and alarms;
- services on medical, vocational and social rehabilitation, and consumer services;
- transportation services;
- provision of medicines.

**In accordance with the Law “On ordering of free use of urban public transport”,** disabled veterans of the war of 1941-1945 and persons accompanying the disabled of group 1, the blind and persons accompanying the blind are entitled to free use of urban public transportation (with the exception of taxis).

**In accordance with the Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan as of February 2, 1997 # 532 “On improving financial security of the system of health care institutions”,** persons who have been disabled since their childhood, the disabled persons of 1 and 2 groups, disabled veterans of the war of 1941-1945, as well as persons with equal status, persons with disabilities who participated in the liquidation of the Chernobyl accident are exempt from paying for meals at patient health care facilities.

**Whom should disabled persons contact if their rights have been violated?**

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