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Disability Certificates

1. **Ukrainian disability certificates** are not automatically recognized in the Polish legal system. To obtain eligibility for disability-related benefits, a Polish disability certificate is required. The systems differ significantly.

2. Ukrainian citizens should **submit their applications to the Disability Evaluation Board.** The application is free of charge, and applicants must attach medical documentation. If the documents are in Ukrainian, a certified translation into Polish is required.

3. The **Disability Evaluation Board** verifies whether an applicant qualifies as a person with a disability and, if so, determines the degree of disability. The Board then issues a decision. If the applicant disagrees with the decision, they have 14 days to file an appeal.

Benefits

1. A caregiver of a child with a disability from Ukraine may receive a **care allowance**, but the **support benefit for adults with disabilities does not apply.**

2. A Ukrainian person with a disability may also receive **permanent, temporary, or targeted social assistance benefits** in accordance with general rules. There are no special provisions in this regard.

3. A person with a disability who is also unable to live independently may receive the 500+ supplementary benefit (**the "500+ benefit for persons unable to live independently"**).

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Education of children with disabilities

A child's disability does **not automatically exempt them from compulsory education** in Poland. If the child's health condition prevents participation in regular schooling, parents should contact a psychological and pedagogical counseling center to obtain a **certificate of special educational needs.**

Changes Resulting from the Amendment to the Special Act:

1. **Children with disabilities** (and their caregivers, if they do not receive a care allowance) **may continue to stay in collective accommodation centers.**

2. **The new "professional activity" requirement** introduced by the amendment **does not apply to the 800+ benefit granted for a child with a disability** (provided the child has a Polish disability certificate.)