

Inclusive Education and Healthcare Rights

General

- Ukraine has ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, according to which Ukraine ensures inclusive education at all levels and lifelong learning, guaranteeing the rights of persons with disabilities to access such education in their local communities on an equal basis with others. In addition, Ukraine provides people with disabilities, on an equal basis with others, effective access to mechanisms for protecting their rights in the field of education.
- Inclusive education is a system of state-guaranteed educational services based on principles of non-discrimination, diversity, participation, and namely – inclusion.
- An inclusive educational environment is a set of conditions, methods and means of their implementation for joint learning, upbringing and development of education seekers, taking into account their needs and capabilities.
- A person with special educational needs (PSEN) is an individual who requires additional, consistent or temporary support during their education.

Basic rights of students (PSENs) on access to education

- The right of students to study in an inclusive class or group created by the educational institution at the request of the preschool institution or the students' parents is ensured.
- The conditions for the training of PSEN should take into account the individual needs and capabilities of such persons, including the need for educational aids and access to the provision of psychological-pedagogical and correctional-developmental services.
- In order to carry out a comprehensive assessment of children's development and provide the above services, local self-government bodies create inclusive resource centers.
- The premises of educational institutions and inclusive resource centers must be accessible.
- Free hot meals are provided in inclusive classes (groups) in state and communal educational institutions.
- Benefits are provided for admission to higher educational institutions, vocational and technical educational institutions.
- Provision of a social stipend is provided when studying in state educational institutions of professional pre-higher education or higher education.

Basic rights of people with disabilities regarding health care

- Material support for persons with disabilities includes, among others, the provision of medicines, technical and other means, and the provision of medical services.
- The individual rehabilitation program details the types and extent of such support.
- Medical assistance is provided at the expense of the Fund for Social Protection of Persons with Disabilities.
- Persons with disabilities and children with disabilities are provided with free/subsidized medical care services, rehabilitation aids (mobility aids, prosthetic products, hearing aids, etc.), medical products (individual devices, prostheses for eyes, teeth, jaws, glasses, hearing and voice-producing devices, etc.), as well as cars, wheelchairs with an electric drive - if there is a corresponding medical opinion.
- In the presence of medical indications, they have the right to be provided free of charge with sanatorium-resort vouchers.

- Persons with disabilities who receive a minimum pension or state social assistance awarded in lieu of a pension, and children with disabilities have the right to free purchase of medicines according to doctors' prescriptions in the case of outpatient treatment.
- Persons with disabilities of the groups I and II have the right to purchase medicines according to doctors' prescriptions with payment of 50 percent of their cost during outpatient treatment.
- The list of medicines, medical devices, rehabilitation products, as well as the order of their issuance is determined by the government (register of medicines under the "Affordable Medicines" program).

Protection of the rights of persons with disabilities

- If a person's rights have been violated, they should file a complaint with the relevant higher authority or organization (such as regional/district social protection departments, regional medical commission), law enforcement agencies, or the court.
- Persons with disabilities of the groups I and II are exempt from paying the court fee and state duty.
- Material, disciplinary, administrative and criminal liability for violation of the rights of persons with disabilities is established.