

As per **Republic Act 7277**, **Republic Act 9442**, **Republic Act 10754**, and **Republic Act 11228**, Persons With Disabilities (PWD) in the Philippines are entitled to the following benefits and privileges:

## 1. Transportation Privileges

20% discount on:

- ❖ Domestic air travel, including tickets booked online
- ❖ Public railways, including LRT, MRT, PNR
- ❖ Public utility buses, jeepneys, taxis, Asian Utility Vehicles, shuttle services, and Transportation Network Vehicle Services (TNVS) such as Grab and Angkas
- ❖ Fare, food and drinks, medicine onboard, and service recreation on all domestic passenger ships
- ❖ Toll fees of skyways and expressways provided the PWD owns the vehicle

Use of PWD Accessible Passenger Boarding Ramps and stairs for all aircrafts

This is supported by the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2018-001:

- ❖ Presentation of the PWD ID is required to avail of discount
- ❖ For TNVS and taxis, the full 20% discount on the total fare shall be given regardless of the number of companions of the PWD
- ❖ For promotional fares, the PWD can only avail of either the establishment's offered discount or the 20% discount, whichever is higher and more favorable
- ❖ PUV operators are required to designate seats in all their units specifically for the PWDs
- ❖ Online booking fees of PWD for any land, air, or sea travel services are also subject to a 20% discount and VAT exemption privileges

## 2. Entertainment and Recreation Privileges

20% discount and VAT Exemption on

- ❖ Room accommodation and other amenities in hotels and similar lodging establishments such as massage parlors and sauna baths
- ❖ Food, drinks, beverages, dessert, and other consumable items, including takeouts in restaurants
- ❖ Utilization of services in sports centers such as swimming pools, bowling alleys, golf courses, gyms, clubhouses, skating rinks, and all other sports facilities
- ❖ Use of recreational facilities such as internet cafes, video games, and other similar establishments
- ❖ Admission fees on theater, cinema houses, concert halls, circuses, carnivals, museums, exhibit halls theme parks, and other similar places of culture, leisure, and amusement

## 3. Health and Medical Related Privileges

20% discount and VAT exemption on

- ❖ Generic and branded medicines
- ❖ Food for special medical purposes of the PWD
- ❖ Medical and assistive devices such as canes, crutches, walkers, diapers, and wheelchairs. Also include eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prosthetics
- ❖ Professional fees of attending doctors in the pay section of government and private hospitals
- ❖ Cost of medical, dental, and rehabilitation services
- ❖ Diagnostic and laboratory services, including the use of special reagents, dyes, contrast
- ❖ Psychological, behavioral, and development tests for both in-patient and out-patient PWD in government and private hospitals and facilities

- ❖ Other services which are medically necessary for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, or palliation of the PWD

### 4. Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities

- Five percent (5%) discount on the purchase of the following basic and prime commodities

#### A. Basic Commodities

- ❖ All kinds of variants of rice
- ❖ Corn
- ❖ All kinds of bread (pastries and cakes not included)
- ❖ Fresh, dried, and canned fish, and other marine products (including frozen and in various modes of packaging)
- ❖ Fresh pork, beef, and poultry meat
- ❖ All kinds of fresh eggs (excluding quail eggs)
- ❖ Potable water in bottles and containers
- ❖ Fresh and processed milk (excluding milk labeled as a food supplement)
- ❖ Fresh vegetables, including root crops
- ❖ Fresh fruits
- ❖ Locally manufactured instant noodles
- ❖ Coffee and coffee creamer
- ❖ All kinds of sugar and (excluding artificial sweetener)
- ❖ Salt
- ❖ All kinds of cooking oil
- ❖ Powdered, liquid, bar laundry, and detergent soap
- ❖ Firewood, charcoal, all kinds of candles
- ❖ Liquefied petroleum gas, not more than 11 kgs, LPG content once every five months bought from LPG dealers
- ❖ Kerosene, not more than 2 liters per month

### B. Prime Commodities

- ❖ Flour
- ❖ Dried, processed, and canned pork; beef, and poultry meat
- ❖ Dairy products
- ❖ Onions and garlic
- ❖ Vinegar, patis, and soy sauce
- ❖ Toilet/bath and soap
- ❖ Fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides
- ❖ Poultry feeds, livestock feeds, and fishery feeds
- ❖ Veterinary products
- ❖ Paper and other school supplies
- ❖ Nipa shingles
- ❖ Sawali
- ❖ Cement, clinker, GI sheets
- ❖ Hollow blocks
- ❖ Plywood, plyboard, and construction nails
- ❖ Batteries (excluding cell phone and automotive batteries)
- ❖ Electrical supplies and light bulbs
- ❖ Steel wires

### 5. Educational Privileges

- Full Scholarship or Half Scholarship in Colleges and Universities
- Free Training and Assessment on All Existing TESDA Scholarship Programs

These scholarship programs include the Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP), Special Training for Employment Program, Private Education Student Financial Assistance (PESFA), Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (UAQTEA), and

Tulong Trabaho Scholarship Program (TTSP). The following benefits are also included in your TESDA scholarship:

- ❖ Training support fund
- ❖ New normal assistance (One-time COVID-19 related expenses worth PHP 500.00)
- ❖ Workshop uniform allowance of PHP 500.00
- ❖ Accident insurance coverage for one year
- ❖ Book and learning material allowance
- ❖ Starter tool kits
- ❖ Entrepreneurship training

### 6. Mandatory Full PhilHealth Coverage

- All PWDs, regardless of gender, age, or ethnicity, registered in the DOH Philippine Registry of Persons with Disability are automatically covered by PhilHealth

### 7. Equal Employment Opportunity

- PWD shall have the same terms and conditions of employment, compensation, privileges, benefits, incentives, and allowance as a qualified, able-bodied person.
- At least one percent (1%) of the workforce in government and private corporations are reserved for PWDs. In private corporations with more than 100 employees, at least one percent (1%) of all positions are encouraged to be reserved for PWDs.

## **8. Continuous Enjoyment of GSIS, SSS, and Pag-IBIG Benefits and Privileges Upon Retirement of the PWD**

## **9. Funeral and Burial Services**

20% discount on

- ❖ Funeral and burial services for the death of the PWD
- ❖ Purchase of casket or urn, embalming, hospital morgue, transport of the body to intended burial site EXCEPT for obituary publication and cost of the memorial lot

## **10. Other Benefits and Privileges**

- Provision of express lanes in all commercial and government establishments
- Free postal charges for marginalized PWDs on articles and literature like books, periodicals, orthopedic and other devices and teaching aids sent by mail within the Philippines and abroad, and aids and orthopedic devices sent abroad for repair
- Additional PHP 25,000 tax exemption may be claimed by the benefactor of a PWD.

## **11. Additional PWD Benefits in Some Parts of the Philippines**

- The list is not exclusive. Please visit the Persons with Disability Affairs Office ( PDAO) of the city or municipality where you reside.



## **PWD Discount and Benefits Checklist**

*Summarized Checklist*

- **Makati City**
  - ❖ PWD ID
  - ❖ Car tag
  - ❖ Free movie
  - ❖ Mobility aid such as a wheelchair, crutches, walker, and quad cane, among others
  
- **Quezon City**
  - ❖ Community-based rehabilitation
  - ❖ Educational assistance program
  - ❖ Protective services and protective custody for abused, neglected, and abandoned PWDs
  
- **Manila**
  - ❖ PHP 500.00 monthly allowance
  - ❖ Job opportunities in fast-food chains and other establishments
  
- **Taguig City**
  - ❖ PHP 1,000 birthday cash gift
  - ❖ Scholarship under the priority courses and skills training of the city's Lifeline Assistance for Neighbors In-Need scholarship program
  
- **Pasig City**
  - ❖ PHP 1,500 annual Christmas gift



For a detailed discussion of PWD Discount and Benefits Checklist, visit

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- **Caloocan City**
  - ❖ Provision for cash and livelihood assistance
  - ❖ Free assistive devices such as wheelchairs, canes, crutches, etc.
  
- **Cebu City**
  - ❖ PHP 12,000 yearly financial assistance
  - ❖ Programs for the promotion of disability prevention and rehabilitation of the PWD



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