In pursuance of Govt. of India act “Rights of Person with disabilities 2016 (RPWD – 2016) and for the implementation of the said act, Department of Social Security and Women and Child development Punjab issued a Memo No. 1/1/2017 - 3DS/106362/1 at 13.09.2017. Through this it has been notified that Section 102 (1) of Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 stands repealed and RPwD Act – 2016 has come into force w.e.f 19.04.2017.

In partial modification to the Notification No. 21/43/2010-4HB5/1336590/1-15 dated 18-10-2018, the Govt. of Punjab hereby specifies, for the purpose of issuance of certificates of Disabilities as per column ‘II’, the designated Institutions/ Hospitals where the disability certificates are to be issued as per column ‘III’ and the Doctors / Specialists in column ‘IV’ of the table given below, as “medical authorities” for the type of disability mentioned in column ‘II’ thereof.

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<th>Sr No</th>
<th>Type of Disability</th>
<th>Institutions/ Hospitals where the disability certificates is to be issued</th>
<th>Medical Authority Competent to issue Disability Certificate</th>
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<td>LOCOMOTOR</td>
<td>All District Hospitals and Sub Divisional Hospitals.</td>
<td>Civil Surgeon will head the board at district level, and concerned SMO of the SDH will head the board at the SDH level. The board will comprise of:- a) Specialist in Orthopedics, and b) One specialist as nominated by the board head as per the condition of the person with Disability eg: Pediatric, Skin, Neurological or Medical etc.</td>
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<td>a) Permanent Physical impairment of limbs</td>
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<td>d) Permanent Physical impairment such as in Club Foot &amp; others</td>
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<td>e) Disability due to chronic neurological conditions (See note 2 below)</td>
<td>All District Hospitals and Sub Divisional Hospitals where Ortho, Medical, Paediatric, Surgical and Skin Specialists are available.</td>
<td>Civil Surgeon will head the board at district level, and concerned SMO of the SDH will head the board at the SDH level. The board will comprise of:- a) Specialist in Orthopedics. b) One specialist as nominated by the board head as per the condition of the person with Disability eg: Pediatric, Skin, Neurological or Medical etc.</td>
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<td>f) Spinal cord injuries</td>
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<td>k) Muscular dystrophy</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>VISUAL IMPAIRMENT</td>
<td>All District Hospitals and Sub Divisional Hospitals where eye specialist is available.</td>
<td>Civil Surgeon will head the board at district level, and concerned SMO of the SDH will head the board at the SDH level. One Ophthalmologist as nominated by the board head will be a board member.</td>
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| 3 | A) HEARING IMPAIRMENT  
B) SPEECH AND LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT | All District Hospitals | Civil Surgeon will head the board.  
The board will comprise of:-  
a) ENT Specialist.  
b) One Audiologist (Degree Holder) /Speech language Therapist (Degree Holder) as nominated by Civil Surgeon. |
| 4 | A) INTELLIGENCE DISABILITY  
B) SPECIAL LEARNING DISABILITY | All District Hospitals | Civil Surgeon will head the board.  
The board will comprise of:-  
a) Paediatrician or Paediatric Neurologist / Psychiatrist or Physician  
b) Clinical or Rehabilitation psychologist.  
c) Psychiatrist. |
| 5 | MENTAL ILLNESS | All District Hospital | Civil Surgeon will head the board.  
The board will comprise of:-  
a) Psychiatrist for clinical assessment.  
b) Trained Psychologist. |
| 6 | DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO CHRONIC NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS (Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinsonism etc.) | All District Hospital | Civil Surgeon will head the board.  
The board will comprise of:-  
a) - Paediatric specialist for childhood Neurological conditions  
- Psychiatrist for mental illness due to chronic neurological condition  
- Neurologist for chronic neurological condition without mental illness.  
b) Specialist for certifying Locomotor disability (Ortho).  
c) Trained Psychologist (clinical or Rehabilitation) to administer IQ test.  
However the Civil Surgeon can refer the case for opinion to the nearest State Medical College and other institutions as mentioned in Para-2. |
| 7 | DISABILITY CAUSED DUE TO BLOOD DISORDERS | All District Hospital | Civil Surgeon will head the board.  
The board will comprise of :-  
a) General Physician or Paediatrician as the case may require.  
b) Orthopedic Surgeon.  
c) In case of disabilities sequel to visual abnormality, hearing problem, cerebral dysfunctions, respective specialist to be included in the board. |
### MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

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<td>a) Specialists required for assessing the disability as per requirement of respective Guidelines.</td>
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Note: 1. For Disabilities mentioned at Serial Nos. 1 (e), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 consultation with a Tertiary level institution will be required. The medical board would be competent to refer the case to any of the tertiary level hospitals enlisted in Para 2, below.

Assessment of a neurological condition is not the assessment of disease but the assessment if its effects i.e. clinical manifestations as explained in section E, item 10.1 at page 79 of RPwD Act 2016. Accordingly if the medical authority feels that there is no requirement of a neurologist and opinion of a specialist (Medicine/ Internal medicine) posted in the district or nearby institution would suffice, the disability certificate can be granted based on his/her opinion. The competent medical authority as mentioned in column IV would be competent to assess the disability and issue the disability certificate under their signatures.

Note: 2. For Cases referred to tertiary level hospitals as mentioned in Note 1 above, the Medical Authority in Column IV would, based on the opinion of Specialists of tertiary level hospital grant and issue the certificates.

Note: 3. Only the Medical Authority mentioned in Column IV will be competent to grant the medical certificate. If a particular specialist as described in column IV is not available then either the services of such a specialist would be arranged from a nearby institution or the case itself would be referred to the nearest hospital where all specialists are available.

Note: 4. Director, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh is the Appellate authority for all complaints/disputes related to disability.

2. In case the consultation will be required, the following medical institutions can be considered for assessment:

- Govt. Medical College, Amritsar.
- Govt. Medical College, Patiala.
- Govt. Medical College, Faridkot.
- Christian Medical College, Ludhiana.
- Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana.
- Shri Guru Ramdas Medical College, Amritsar.
- Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences, Jalandhar.
- Govt. Medical College, Sector 32, Chandigarh.
- Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

3. Explanation:

I. Sub Divisional Hospital means a hospital notified by the State Govt. as SDH and run by the Punjab Health System Corporation.

II. District Hospital means Civil Hospital situated at district headquarter and run by the Punjab Health System Corporation.

Dated, Chandigarh
31 May, 2019

(Satish Chandra)
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare
A copy with a spare copy is forwarded to the Controller Printing and Stationary Punjab Chandigarh with a request that this notification may please be published in the ordinary gazette and to supply 500 copies of this notification to the Government for official use.

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Special Secretary
Department of Health & Family Welfare

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b. All Civil Surgeons in the State and Principals of Government Medical/ Dental Colleges Amritsar, Faridkot and Patiala.

c. Secretary Home Chandigarh Administration, UT Chandigarh.


e. Accountant General (Audit), Punjab, Chandigarh.

f. Resident Commissioner, Punjab Bhawan Copernicus Marg, New Delhi.

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