

Cagayan State University- Led Efforts for Inclusivity

Differently-Abled Persons Grant

Students who are differently abled or persons with disabilities are entitled to One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) cash incentive every semester.

Note: The grantees shall undergo procedures for eligibility to be spearheaded by the office of Student Development and Welfare. If a student is a recipient of two or more incentive grant, the student shall be required to choose only one. Beneficiaries of Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) will no longer avail of incentives under this program.

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The University enhances the accessibility through the systematic provision of wheelchairs, ramps, and other facilities for Persons with Disabilities (PWD), ensuring compliance with universal design standards and promoting inclusivity in all public and private facilities.

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**MAGNA CARTA FOR
DISABLED PERSONS
(REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277)**

Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (Republic Act No. 7277)

Republic Act No. 7277, also known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, was enacted in 1992 as the primary law protecting the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

It affirms that PWDs are integral members of society who must be given full support for rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance. The law ensures their integration into the mainstream of society and strictly prohibits discrimination against them.

The Republic Act (RA) 10754, otherwise known as "An Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability", expands the benefits and privileges of PWDs by amending Republic Act 7277, otherwise known as the "Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities".



Rights of Persons with Disabilities



Right to Education and Skills Development

Every PWD has the right to accessible and quality education, as well as training programs that enhance their skills and prepare them for meaningful participation in society. Schools and institutions must provide inclusive learning environments and support services.



Right to Employment and Livelihood Opportunities

PWDs are entitled to equal access to jobs, livelihood programs, and career growth. Employers are encouraged to provide reasonable accommodations and ensure that no one is denied work opportunities because of disability.



Right to Accessibility in Public Spaces and Services

Public buildings, transportation, communication systems, and services must be designed to be accessible to all. This includes ramps, signage, assistive technologies, and policies that remove barriers to participation.



Right to Rehabilitation and Healthcare

PWDs have the right to medical care, rehabilitation, and community-based support services that promote independence and well-being. Healthcare must be inclusive and responsive to their specific needs.



Right to Respect and Freedom from Discrimination

PWDs must be treated with dignity and respect. Discrimination, stigma, and exclusion are prohibited under the law. Society must foster equality, acceptance, and empowerment.

Privileges and Discounts for PWDs

In particular, Section 1 of RA 10754 amends Section 32 of RA 7277 entitling the PWDs to at least twenty percent (20%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax (VAT) on the purchase of certain goods and services from all establishments for the exclusive use, enjoyment, or availment of the PWD.

Healthcare

20% discount + VAT exemption on:

- Medicines (generic and branded)
- Medical and dental services
- Diagnostic and laboratory tests
- Professional fees of doctors

PhilHealth coverage under Universal Health Care (RA 11223).

Food and Restaurants

- 20% discount + VAT exemption on food purchases in restaurants, fast food chains, and hotels.

Recreation and Services

- 20% discount on cinema tickets, theaters, concerts, and recreational facilities.
- Discounts on hotel accommodations and leisure services.

Transportation

Discounts apply to land, air, and sea transport fares.

Additional Privilege

5% Special Discount of the Regular Retail Price of Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities.

How to Avail

- Present a valid PWD ID card issued by the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) or the City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO/MSWDO).
- Discounts are strictly for personal use of the registered PWD. Misuse (e.g., using the card for family members) is illegal.