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NO. 14 OF 2003

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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An Act of Parliament to provide for the rights and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities; to achieve equalisation of opportunities for persons with disabilities; to establish the National Council for Persons with Disabilities; and for connected purposes


PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement

This Act may be cited as the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003.


2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“adjustment order” means an order made by the Council under section 24;

“aged person” includes a person with a disability who has been forced into retirement from employment due to his disability;

“assistive devices and services” means implements, tools and specialised services (including the services of qualified interpreters for the deaf and qualified teachers for the blind) provided to persons with disabilities to assist them in education, employment or other activities;

“Council” means the National Council for Persons with Disabilities established under section 3;

“disability” means a physical, sensory, mental or other impairment, including any visual, hearing, learning or physical incapability, which impacts adversely on social, economic or environmental participation;

“discriminate” means to accord different treatment to different persons solely or mainly as a result of their disabilities and includes using words, gestures or caricatures that demean, scandalise or embarrass a person with a disability;

“doctor” means a person registered or licensed as a medical practitioner under the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (Cap. 253);

“Fund” means the National Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities established under section 32;
“organizations for persons with disabilities” means associations or societies formed for the purposes of rendering services to persons with disabilities;

“organizations of persons with disabilities” means associations or societies formed by persons with disabilities for their welfare and protection;

“usual day-to-day activities” means the activities of daily living which an ordinary person would reasonably be expected to carry out.

PART II – NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

3. Establishment

(1) There is hereby established a council to be known as the National Council for Persons with Disabilities.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall in its corporate name be capable of suing and being sued, and acquiring, holding and disposing of movable and immovable property.

4. Membership

(1) The Council shall consist of the following members appointed by the Minister—

(a) not more than eight persons nominated in a manner approved by the Minister, by organisations representing persons with various categories of disabilities;

(b) three members appointed from a panel of names submitted to the Minister by organizations for persons with disabilities;

(c) eight members representing the Ministries responsible for the following—

(i) culture and social services;

(ii) local government;

(iii) health;

(iv) education;

(v) economic planning;

(vi) housing;

(vii) transport; and

(viii) labour.

(d) one member representing the Attorney General;

(e) one member appointed from a list of not less than three persons submitted by an organization which the Minister responsible for labour deems to be representative of employers in Kenya;

(f) one member appointed in consultation with the organization for the time being recognized by the Government as the umbrella organization representing the interests of workers in the country; and
(g) such other members as may be co-opted by the Council with the approval of the Minister:

Provided that—

(i) the membership of the Council shall not exceed twenty-seven persons, out of whom at least twenty members shall be persons with disabilities;

(ii) the members nominated under paragraph (a) shall equitably represent the types of disabilities occurring in the country; and

(iii) one of the members of the Council shall be from a rural-based organization.

(2) The Minister shall appoint one of the members appointed under subsection (1)(a) as the chairman.

(3) The Minister shall appoint one of the members, other than a member appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d), as the vice-chairman.

(4) The member appointed under subsection (1)(c) to represent the Ministry of Education shall be a child psychologist.

5. Tenure of office

(1) The chairman, vice-chairman and members appointed under paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (f) and (g) of section 4(1) shall hold office for a period not exceeding three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term not exceeding two years.

(2) The provisions of the Schedule shall have effect with respect to the membership and procedures of the Council.

6. Director

(1) There shall be a Director of the Council who shall be employed by the Council on such terms as the Council may determine.

(2) The functions of the Director shall be—

(a) to consult with Ministries and local authorities to secure the implementation of measures recommended under this Act by the Council for the benefit of persons with disabilities;

(b) to work together with institutions, associations and organizations concerned with the educational, social and cultural circumstances of persons with disabilities; and

(c) to do such other things as he may be directed by the Council under this Act.

(3) The Council shall employ such other staff in its secretariat as may be necessary for the discharge of its functions under this Act, on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

7. Functions of the Council

(1) The functions of the Council shall be—

(a) to issue adjustment orders under section 24 of this Act;
(b) to formulate and develop measures and policies designed to—

(i) achieve equal opportunities for persons with disabilities by ensuring to the maximum extent possible that they obtain education and employment, and participate fully in sporting, recreational and cultural activities and are afforded full access to community and social services;

(ii) co-operate with the Government during the national census to ensure that accurate figures of persons with disabilities are obtained in the country, for purposes of planning;

(iii) advise the Minister on the provisions of any international treaty or agreement relating to the welfare or rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and its benefits to the country;

(iv) recommend measures to prevent discrimination against persons with disabilities;

(v) put into operation schemes and projects for self-employment or regular or sheltered employment for the generation of income by persons with disabilities;

(vi) encourage and secure the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities within their own communities and social environment;

(vii) encourage and secure the establishment of vocational rehabilitation centres and other institutions and other services for the welfare, rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities; and

(viii) co-ordinate services provided in Kenya for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and to implement programmes for vocational guidance and counselling;

(c) to register—

(i) persons with disabilities;

(ii) institutions, associations and organizations, including those controlled and managed by the Government and local authorities, that provide services for the rehabilitation and welfare of persons with disabilities;

(iii) places at which services for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities are provided; and

(iv) persons with disabilities whose condition requires constant medical attention for the purposes of availing subsidized medical services;

(d) to provide, to the maximum extent possible—

(i) assistive devices, appliances and other equipment to persons with disabilities; and

(ii) access to available information and technical assistance to all institutions, associations and organizations concerned with the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, including those controlled and managed by the Government;
(e) to consult with the Government in the formulation of suitable curricula for vocational rehabilitation centres and other training facilities for persons with disabilities;

(f) to make provision for assistance to students with disabilities in the form of scholarships, loan programmes, fee subsidies and other similar forms of assistance in both public and private institutions;

(g) to assess and report to the Minister on the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and to advise on the relative priorities to be given to the implementation of those measures;

(h) to consult with the Government in the provision of suitable and affordable housing for persons with disabilities;

(i) generally to carry out measures for public information on the rights of persons with disabilities and the provisions of this Act;

(j) to perform such other functions in relation to the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities as the Council may deem necessary; and

(k) to perform such other functions as may be assigned to the Council under this or any other Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), the Council shall have power to do all things that are necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions and in particular—

(a) to conduct inquiries into any matter relating to the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities;

(b) to constitute committees consisting of its members, and where necessary to co-opt experts to serve on such committees with the approval of the Minister;

(c) to vest in or delegate to any committee constituted under paragraph (b) such of the functions of the Council as the Council may with the approval of the Minister determine; and

(d) with the approval of the Minister, to engage or make other arrangements with any other person to carry out research on, or supply information on, any matter relating to the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

8. Funds of the Council

The funds of the Council shall consist of the following—

(a) funds voted by Parliament; and

(b) funds the Council may receive as a result of public and private appeal from local and international donors or agencies for the purposes of carrying out its functions.

9. Annual accounts

(1) The financial year of the Council shall be from the 1st July of one year to the 30th June of the following year.

(2) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts and other records are kept in relation to the revenue and expenditure of the Council and ensure that, within
three months of the end of each financial year of the Council, a statement of accounts of the Council is prepared and audited by an external auditor appointed by the Council and approved by the Minister.

10. Annual report

The Council shall prepare an annual report of its activities which shall be presented to the Minister and all other Government agencies involved in the work of the Council.

PART III – RIGHTS AND THE PRIVILEGES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

11. Realisation of rights of persons with disabilities

The Government shall take steps to the maximum of its available resources with a view to achieving the full realization of the rights of persons with disabilities set out in this Part.

12. Employment

(1) No person shall deny a person with a disability access to opportunities for suitable employment.

(2) A qualified employee with a disability shall be subject to the same terms and conditions of employment and the same compensation, privileges, benefits, fringe benefits, incentives or allowances as qualified able-bodied employees.

(3) An employee with a disability shall be entitled to exemption from tax on all income accruing from his employment.

13. Reservation of employment

The Council shall endeavour to secure the reservation of five per cent of all casual, emergency and contractual positions in employment in the public and private sectors for persons with disabilities.

14. Apprenticeship

Subject to the provisions of the Employment Act, persons with disabilities shall be eligible for engagement as apprentices or learners where their disability is not such as to impede their performance in particular occupations for periods for which they are hired.

15. Discrimination by employers prohibited

(1) Subject to subsection (2), no employer shall discriminate against a person with a disability in relation to—

(a) the advertisement of employment;
(b) the recruitment for employment;
(c) the creation, classification or abolition of posts;
(d) the determination or allocation of wages, salaries, pensions, accommodation, leave or other such benefits;
(e) the choice of persons for posts, training, advancement, apprenticeships, transfer, promotion or retrenchment;
(f) the provision of facilities related to or connected with employment; or

(g) any other matter related to employment.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an employer shall be deemed not to have discriminated against a person with a disability if—

(a) the act or omission alleged to constitute the discrimination was not wholly or mainly attributable to the disability of the said person;

(b) the disability in question was a relevant consideration in relation to the particular requirements of the type of employment concerned; or

(c) special facilities or modifications, whether physical, administrative or otherwise, are required at the work place to accommodate the person with a disability, which the employer cannot reasonably be expected to provide.

(3) A complaint by a person with a disability that his employer has discriminated against him in a way which is contrary to this Act may be presented to the Industrial Court through the appropriate trade union.

(4) Any contract for employment or for provision of goods, facilities or services, or any other agreement, shall be void insofar as it purports to deny any person any rights or privileges conferred under this Act or in any other way to limit the operation of this Act.

(5) An employer shall provide such facilities and effect such modifications, whether physical, administrative or otherwise, in the workplace as may reasonably be required to accommodate persons with disabilities.

(6) The minimum retirement age for persons with a disability shall be sixty years.

16. Incentives to employers

(1) A private employer who engages a person with a disability with the required skills or qualifications either as a regular employee, apprentice or learner shall be entitled to apply for a deduction from his taxable income equivalent to twenty five per cent of the total amount paid as salary and wages to such employee:

Provided that—

(i) such an employer shall present proof certified by the Ministry responsible for labour that the persons with disabilities in respect of whom he claims the deduction are under his employ; and

(ii) the persons with disabilities so employed are accredited with the Council as to their disabilities, skills and qualifications.

(2) A private employer who improves or modifies his physical facilities or avails special services in order to provide reasonable accommodation for employees with disabilities shall be entitled to apply for additional deductions from his net taxable income equivalent to fifty per cent of the direct costs of the improvements, modifications or special services.
17. Records for job placement

The Council shall establish and maintain a record of persons with disabilities who are in possession of various levels of skills and training and shall update such records regularly for the purposes of job placement.

18. Education

(1) No person or learning institution shall deny admission to a person with a disability to any course of study by reason only of such disability, if the person has the ability to acquire substantial learning in that course.

(2) Learning institutions shall take into account the special needs of persons with disabilities with respect to the entry requirements, pass marks, curriculum, examinations, auxiliary services, use of school facilities, class schedules, physical education requirements and other similar considerations.

(3) Special schools and institutions, especially for the deaf, the blind and the mentally retarded, shall be established to cater for formal education, skills development and self-reliance.

19. Special and non-formal education

The Council shall work in consultation with the relevant agencies of Government to make provisions in all districts for an integrated system of special and non-formal education for persons with all forms of disabilities and the establishment where possible of Braille and recorded libraries for persons with visual disabilities.

20. Health

The Council shall be represented in the implementation of the national health programme under the Ministry responsible for health for the purpose of—

(a) prevention of disability;
(b) early identification of disability;
(c) early rehabilitation of persons with disabilities;
(d) enabling persons with disabilities to receive free rehabilitation and medical services in public and privately owned health institutions;
(e) availing essential health services to persons with disabilities at an affordable cost;
(f) availing field medical personnel to local health institutions for the benefit of persons with disabilities; and
(g) prompt attendance by medical personnel to persons with disabilities.

21. Accessibility and mobility

Persons with disabilities are entitled to a barrier-free and disability-friendly environment to enable them to have access to buildings, roads and other social amenities, and assistive devices and other equipment to promote their mobility.

22. Public buildings

(1) A proprietor of a public building shall adapt it to suit persons with disabilities in such manner as may be specified by the Council.
(2) All proprietors of public buildings shall comply with subsection (1) within five years after this section comes into operation.

23. Public service vehicles

(1) An operator of a public service vehicle shall adapt it to suit persons with disabilities in such manner as may be specified by the Council.

(2) All operators of public service vehicles shall comply with subsection (1) within two years after this section comes into operation.

24. Adjustment orders

(1) This section shall apply to—

(a) any premises to which members of the public are ordinarily admitted whether on payment of a fee or otherwise; and

(b) any services or amenities ordinarily provided to members of the public.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of section 22, if the Council considers that any premises, services or amenities are inaccessible to persons with disabilities by reason of any structural, physical, administrative or other impediment to such access, the Council may, subject to this section, serve upon the owner of the premises or the provider of the services or amenities concerned an adjustment order—

(a) setting out—

(i) a full description of the premises, services or amenities concerned; and

(ii) the grounds upon which the Council considers that the premises, services or amenities are inaccessible to persons with disabilities.

(b) requiring the owner or provider concerned to undertake at his own expense such action as may be specified in order to secure reasonable access by persons with disabilities to the premises, services or amenities concerned; and

(c) stipulating the period within which the action referred to in paragraph (b) shall be commenced and completed.

(3) Before serving an order under subsection (2) the Council shall serve notice upon the person concerned—

(a) specifying the ground upon which the adjustment order is to be issued and the nature of the action which the Council considers necessary to rectify the situation which has given rise to the proposed order;

(b) stipulating the maximum period that the Council considers reasonable for the implementation of the action it proposes to order; and

(c) calling upon the person concerned, if he wishes to do so, to make representations to the Council within thirty days from the date of the service of the notice.
(4) After considering any representations described in subsection (3)(c) the Council may issue, or refrain from or defer the issuing of, an adjustment order.

(5) Within thirty days after an adjustment order is confirmed or issued under subsection (4), the person concerned may appeal against the confirmation or issue to the High Court in the prescribed manner on any grounds including on the grounds that—

(a) he cannot reasonably be expected to bear the whole or any part of the expense required in implementing the adjustment order;

(b) the period stipulated for implementing the adjustment order is unreasonable;

(c) the nature of the action required to be taken in terms of the adjustment order is, in the circumstances of the case, unreasonable; or

(d) adequate access to the premises, services or amenities concerned may be secured without recourse to the action required by the adjustment order.

(6) Upon hearing an appeal under subsection (5) the Court may—

(a) confirm, vary or set aside the adjustment order appealed against; and

(b) make such order as to the costs of the appeal as it thinks fit.

25. Denial of admission into premises, etc.

(1) No person shall, on the ground of disability alone, deny a person with a disability—

(a) admission into any premises to which members of the public are ordinarily admitted; or

(b) the provision of any services or amenities to which members of the public are entitled,

unless such denial is motivated by a genuine concern for the safety of such person.

(2) The proprietor of premises referred to in subsection (1)(a) shall not have the right, on the ground of a person’s disability alone, to reserve the right of admission to his premises against such a person.

(3) A person with a disability who is denied admission into any premises or the provision of any service or amenity contrary to subsection (1) shall be deemed to have suffered an injury and shall have the right to recover damages in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) Without prejudice to subsection (3), damages awarded under that subsection shall be recoverable summarily as a civil debt.

26. Offences-Adjustment orders and discrimination

(1) A person is guilty of an offence if he—

(a) fails to comply with an adjustment order served under section 24;
(b) contravenes section 12(1) or discriminates against a person contrary to section 12;
(c) discriminates against a person contrary to section 15(1);
(d) contravenes section 25(1) or discriminates against a person contrary to section 25; or
(e) on the ground of any ethnic, communal, cultural or religious custom or practice, discriminates against a person with a disability.

(2) A person who is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) A person found guilty of an offence under this section may in addition to the penalty imposed by the Court be ordered to pay the person injured by the offence such sums of money in compensation as the Court may deem appropriate.

27. Adjustment orders against Government institutions

(1) The Council shall not serve an adjustment order upon—

(a) any hospital, nursing home or clinic controlled or managed by the Government or registered under the Public Health Act (Cap. 242) except with the consent of the Minister responsible for health; or

(b) any school or educational or training institution controlled or managed by the Government or registered under the Education Act (Cap. 211) except with the consent of the Minister responsible for the administration of the institution or Act concerned.

(2) Within sixty days after being requested to consent under subsection (1) the Minister shall either give or refuse his consent and if he fails to do so within that period the Council may proceed to serve the adjustment order as though the Minister had consented.

28. Sports and recreation

(1) All persons with disabilities shall be entitled, free of charge, to the use of recreational or sports facilities owned or operated by the Government during social, sporting or recreational activities.

(2) Persons with disabilities shall be entitled to participate in all national and international sports events.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2) the Ministry responsible for sports shall, in consultation with the Council, provide the necessary suitable environment including—

(a) architectural infrastructure;
(b) apparatus and equipment;
(c) training and medical personnel; and
(d) transportation facilities for the participants.

(4) Section (1) shall not apply in cases where there is exclusive private hire of such facilities.
PART IV – CIVIC RIGHTS

29. Voting
   (1) All persons with disabilities shall be entitled at their request, to be assisted by persons of their choice in voting in presidential, parliamentary and civic elections.

   (2) A person who undertakes to render assistance under subsection (1) shall do so strictly in accordance with the instructions of the voter.

   (3) A person described in subsection (2) shall bind himself, in the prescribed form, to comply with that subsection.

   (4) A person who contravenes subsection (2) is guilty of an offence.

30. Polling stations
   Polling stations shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities during elections, and such persons shall in addition be provided with the necessary devices and assistive devices and services to facilitate the exercise of this right under this section.

31. Registration of organizations
   (1) The Council shall register all organizations of or for persons with disabilities.

   (2) All existing organizations of or for persons with disabilities shall, within twelve months after this section comes into operation, apply in the prescribed manner to the Council for registration.

   (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, organizations of or for persons with disabilities that are registered under this Act shall be exempt from registration under the Non-Governmental Organizations Co-ordination Act (No. 19 of 1990) and the Societies Act (Cap. 108).

PART V – NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

32. Establishment of the Fund
   (1) There shall be established a Fund to be known as the National Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities.

   (2) The Fund shall be established as a permanent fund and the income therefrom shall be used for the benefit of persons with disabilities in Kenya.

   (3) The Fund shall be administered by the Council through a board of trustees as hereunder provided under section 34.

33. Sources of and Payments from Fund
   (1) The sources of the Fund shall be—

   (a) such moneys as may be appropriated thereto by Parliament;

   (b) income generated by investments made by the trustees; and
(c) any other donations which the Council may receive for purposes of the Fund.

(2) Without limiting the generality of section 32(2), the Board of Trustees may, out of the Fund—
(a) contribute to the expenses, including capital expenses, of organizations of or for persons with disabilities;
(b) contribute to the expenses, including capital expenses, of institutions that train persons in the care of persons with disabilities;
(c) contribute to the capital expenses of projects undertaken by the Government for the benefit of persons with disabilities;
(d) provide or contribute to the cost of assistive devices and services;
(e) pay allowances to persons with disabilities falling in the following categories and who have no other source of income—
(i) persons with severe disabilities and who are therefore not trainable in any skills;
(ii) aged persons with disabilities; and
(iii) single parents with children with disabilities and who cannot therefore seek employment.
(f) make payments or contributions for such purposes as may be prescribed by the Council.

34. Trustees to manage Fund
(1) The Fund shall be managed by a Board of Trustees which shall consist of—
(a) the Chairman of the Council;
(b) the Director of the Council who shall be the secretary to the Board;
(c) a representative of the Minister appointed by the Minister;
(d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for finance appointed by the Minister responsible for finance;
(e) four representatives appointed by the Council consisting of—
(i) one representative nominated by organizations of persons with visual disabilities;
(ii) one representative nominated by organizations of persons with hearing disabilities;
(iii) one representative nominated by organizations for persons with mental disabilities; and
(iv) one representative nominated by organizations for persons with physical disabilities.
(f) not more than three persons co-opted by the Council to represent the donors that in its opinion have substantially supported the welfare of persons with disabilities.

(2) The Minister shall appoint one of the persons appointed under subsection (1)(e) to be the treasurer to the Fund.
(3) The Board shall conduct its affairs in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Council subject to any law relating to trustees.

PART VI – RELIEF AND INCENTIVES

35. Exemptions

(1) All persons with disabilities who are in receipt of an income may apply to the Minister responsible for finance for exemption from income tax and any other levies on such income.

(2) The Minister responsible for finance may, by notice in the Gazette, prescribe the procedure for application for and grant of exemption under this section.

(3) Materials, articles and equipment, including motor vehicles, that are modified or designed for the use of persons with disabilities shall be exempt from import duty, value added tax, demurrage charges, port charges and any other government levy which would in any way increase their cost to the disadvantage of persons with disabilities.

(4) All goods, items, implements or equipment donated to institutions and organizations of or for persons with disabilities shall be exempt from import duties, value added tax, demurrage charges, port charges and any other government levy which would in any way defeat the purposes of or increase the cost of the said donations.

[Act No. 8 of 2009, s. 71.]

36. Incentives

(1) Any donations, bequest, subsidy or financial aid which may be made to government agencies involved in the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities or to organisations involved in such rehabilitation and registered with the Council for the purposes of this section shall, subject to the provisions of the Income Tax Act, be allowed as deductions from the donor’s gross income for the purpose of computing taxable income.

(2) The Minister responsible for finance or other appropriate authority shall endeavor to provide, subject to the provisions of any other relevant law, incentives to local manufacturers of technical aids and appliances used by persons with disabilities including, but not limited to, the following—

(a) additional deductions for labour expenses;
(b) tax and duty exemptions on imported capital equipment;
(c) tax credits on domestic capital equipment;
(d) simplified customs procedures;
(e) unrestricted use of consigned equipment;
(f) employment of foreign nationals;
(g) exemptions from taxes and duties on raw materials; and
(h) access to bonded manufacturing systems.
37. Credit

It shall be the duty of the Minister responsible for matters relating to credit unions, co-operatives and other lending institutions to encourage the extension by such institutions of credit to persons with disabilities.

PART VII – MISCELLANEOUS

38. Legal system

(1) The Attorney-General, on consultation with the Council and the Law Society of Kenya, shall make regulations providing for free legal services for persons with disabilities with respect to the following—

(a) matters affecting the violation of the rights of persons with disabilities or the deprivation of their property;
(b) cases involving capital punishment of persons with disabilities; and
(c) such matters and cases as maybe prescribed in the regulations made by the Attorney-General.

(2) The Chief Justice shall make rules providing for—

(a) the exemption, for persons with disabilities, from the payment of fees in relation to matters or cases described in subsection (1); and
(b) the provision, to persons with disabilities who attend court, of free sign language interpretation, Braille services and physical guide assistance.

(3) Accused persons who are denied bail shall be entitled to be held in custody in facilities modified in accordance with regulations made by the Minister.

(4) The Chief Justice shall endeavour to ensure that all suits involving persons with disabilities are disposed of expeditiously having due regard to the particular disability and suffering of such persons.

39. Television programmes

All television stations shall provide a sign language inset or sub-titles in all newscasts and educational programmes, and in all programmes covering events of national significance.

40. Telephone services

All persons providing public telephone services shall as far as possible install and maintain telephone devices or units for persons with hearing disabilities and tactile marks on telephone sets to enable persons with visual disabilities to communicate through the telephone system.

41. Postal charge exemption

The following shall be exempt from postal charges—

(a) printed and recorded literature, articles, equipment and other devices for the use of persons with disabilities which are sent by mail within and outside Kenya; and
Provided that the aforesaid items are for personal or institutional purposes and are recommended for this exemption by the Council, and that the person with a disability or the organization is registered with the Council.

42. Exemptions and deductions-general requirements

(1) The following apply with respect to exemptions and deductions described in subsection (2)—

(a) no person is eligible for an exemption or deduction unless the exemption or deduction has been recommended by the Council and approved by the appropriate government authority;

(b) no person is eligible for an exemption or deduction unless any additional requirements or conditions prescribed in the regulations made by the Minister are satisfied;

(c) an exemption or deduction may be refused on the basis that it has not been provided for in the allocation of public resources.

(2) The exemptions and deductions referred to in subsection (1) are the exemptions and deductions under the following—

(a) section 12;

(b) section 16;

(c) section 35;

(d) section 36(1); and

(e) section 40.

43. Inspectorate units and Council inspectors

(1) All Government ministries shall, under the provisions of this Act, establish and maintain an inspectorate unit for the purpose of ensuring the implementation and compliance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Council shall appoint an inspector who shall be empowered to investigate and recommend prosecution or other remedy against infringement of this Act.

(3) The inspector appointed under subsection (2) shall report, to the Council or the relevant committee of the Council, any person or persons whose conduct is in violation of this Act or the regulations made thereunder.

44. Regulations

The Minister may make regulations generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations—

(a) prescribing the procedures, forms and fees applicable under this Act;

(b) specifying and describing the nature of acts of discrimination against persons with disabilities; and
(c) prescribing the procedure and forms for persons entitled to subsidized medical care under this Act.

PART VIII – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

45. Concealment of persons with disabilities

(1) No parent, guardian or next of kin shall conceal any person with a disability in such a manner as to deny such a person the opportunities and services available under this Act.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand shillings.

46. Negligence by doctor

(1) Any person who, being a doctor or other medical practitioner, negligently causes a disability to a patient is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) The Court may order a doctor convicted under this section to pay to the patient such sums of money in compensation as it may deem appropriate.

47. Giving false information to get registered

A person is guilty of an offence if he knowingly gives false information to the Council for the purpose of being registered or for the purpose of acquiring any privilege due to persons so registered.

48. General penalty

Any person found guilty of an offence under this Act for which no penalty is expressly provided shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

49. Request for legal action by Attorney-General

(1) The Council may request the Attorney-General to take appropriate legal action if the Council believes that—

(a) a person or group of persons is engaged in a practice which is discriminatory under this Act; and

(b) the discrimination is a significant and substantial infringement of the rights of persons with disabilities and raises issues of public interest.

(2) Any person or group of persons aggrieved by an order made in a legal action commenced pursuant to a request under subsection (1) may within sixty days after the making of such order apply in the prescribed form to the High Court for the review of such order.
SCHEDULE
[Section 5(2).]

PROVISIONS AS TO THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE COUNCIL

1. A member of the Council may—
   (a) resign his office by notice in writing to the Minister; or
   (b) be removed by the Minister by notice in writing if he—
       (i) is subject to a vote calling for his removal by a two-thirds majority of all members of the Council;
       (ii) has been absent from five consecutive meetings of the Council without permission of the chairman;
       (iii) is so incapacitated by prolonged physical or mental illness as to be unable to attend to and perform his duties;
       (iv) is an undischarged bankrupt;
       (v) is convicted by a Court of an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment; or
       (vi) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge his functions.

2. Where the office of a member becomes vacant the vacancy may with the approval of the Minister be filled through the majority vote of the members for the remainder of the term.

3. The Council shall pay to its members such remuneration as the Minister may approve.

4. The Council shall meet not less than four times in every year and not more than four months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting.

5. A meeting of the Council shall be held on such date and at such time as the Council shall decide, or in the absence of such a decision if the chairman decides that a meeting is necessary, on a date and at a time determined by the chairman.

6. Unless otherwise decided by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Council, at least fourteen days’ written notice of every meeting of the Council shall be given to every member of the Council.

7. The quorum of a meeting of the Council shall be fifteen members.

8. (1) The chairman, or in his absence, the vice-chairman, shall preside at every meeting of the Council.

   (2) In the absence of both the chairman and vice-chairman, the members present may choose one of their number to preside at the meeting.

9. A decision of the majority of members of the Council present at any meeting of the Council shall be deemed to be the decision of the Council and if upon any
question the voting shall be equal, the chairman, vice-chairman or other person presiding shall have a second and casting vote.

10. No act, decision or proceedings of the Council shall be invalid on account of a vacancy in the membership thereof or on account of the appointment of a member of the Council being defective.
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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES) REGULATIONS, 2009
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PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Persons with Disabilities (Access to Employment, Services and Facilities) Regulations, 2009.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Persons with Disabilities Act, (No. 14 of 2003);

“rights of persons with disabilities” means the rights of persons with disabilities set out under Part III of the Act;

“parent” includes adoptive and step-parent;

“public service vehicle” has the meaning assigned to it in the Traffic Act (Cap. 403);

“Fund” means the National Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities.

PART II – INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

3. Government to undertake information, education and communication

(1) The Government shall disseminate the provisions of the Act and shall promote public awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities, through a comprehensive nation-wide education and information campaign conducted by the Government through the relevant Ministries, departments, authorities and other agencies.

(2) The education and information campaign referred to in subregulation (1) shall focus on the family and shall be carried out in all schools and other institutions of learning, all prisons, remand homes and other places of confinement, amongst the disciplined forces, at all places of work and in all communities throughout Kenya.

(3) The Government shall provide training, sensitization and awareness programmes on the rights of persons with disabilities for community workers, social workers, media professionals, educators, decision makers, administrators and other concerned persons to enable them acquire skills for proper information, dissemination and education on the rights of persons with disabilities.

(4) In conducting the education and information campaigns referred to in this regulation, the Government shall ensure the involvement and participation of persons with disabilities and organizations of and for persons with disability.

(5) Every local authority in collaboration with civil society organizations and the Ministry, shall conduct education and information campaigns on the rights of persons with disabilities within its area of jurisdiction.

(6) The Council shall coordinate the activities provided for under these Regulations.

4. Ministry responsible for education to integrate the rights of persons with disabilities into syllabuses

The Ministry responsible for education shall integrate instruction on the rights of persons with disabilities in subjects taught in public and private schools at all levels of education, including informal and non-formal and indigenous learning systems.
5. Education and dissemination to form part of health care

(1) Education and information dissemination on the rights of persons with disabilities shall form part of health care services by healthcare providers.

(2) For the purposes of subregulation (1), the Government shall provide training for healthcare providers to acquire skills for proper information dissemination and education on the rights of persons with disabilities.

6. Research

(1) The Council in collaboration with the relevant Government departments, research institutions, development partners and local authorities shall undertake, promote and sponsor research, in the following areas as they relate to persons with disabilities—

(a) prevention of disability;
(b) rehabilitation including community based rehabilitation;
(c) development of assistive devices including their psycho-social aspects;
(d) job identification for persons with disability;
(e) on site modifications in offices and factories.

(2) The Council shall undertake research and baseline surveys to ensure availability of disaggregated data on persons with disability.

PART III – ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

7. Support and relief

(1) Subject to applicable Regulations relating to tax exemptions a person with disability may apply for and obtain support and relief for—

(a) purchase and repair of personal technical auxiliary devices;
(b) purchase and adaptation of personal vehicle and adaptation of a parking place;
(c) tax relief for import or local purchase of a personal vehicle;
(d) restructuring of the home;
(e) escorts and interpreters for people with impaired sight and hearing.

(2) Subject to applicable Regulations the support referred to in subregulation (1) shall include—

(a) support to the persons with disabilities for purchasing and repair of technical devices and equipment;
(b) subsidies for specialized enterprises, cooperatives and workshops for persons with disabilities;
(c) ensuring of accessible living and natural environment;
(d) financing projects and programmes for vocational education and re-qualification of the persons with disabilities;
(e) culture, sports and tourism;
(f) financing of projects and programmes for rehabilitation and social integration;
(g) support of the activities of the Fund.

(3) Persons with severe disabilities who cannot, alone or by the help of their relatives or other persons, meet their basic vital needs have the right to support.
(4) The extent of the support granted under this regulation the conditions and the order of granting them shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Ministry for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance.

8. Materials, articles and equipment

A person who sells materials, articles and equipment designed for use by persons with disabilities shall be eligible to apply for such tax reliefs as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Minister.

9. Access to education

(1) The Fund shall provide financial assistance to universities, incentives to other institutions of higher learning, professional bodies and non-governmental research units or institutions, for undertaking research for special education, rehabilitation and manpower development.

(2) Every institution of education shall ensure that students with disabilities are reasonably accommodated within that institution.

(3) Every institution of education shall provide students with disabilities with the appropriate core service or services necessary to ensure equal access.

(4) The core services referred to in paragraph (3) shall include—

(a) sign language;
(b) oral and tactile interpreter services or other technological alternatives;
(c) textbooks and other educational materials in alternative media, including, but not limited to, large print, braille, electronic format, and audio tape;
(d) access to adaptive equipment including FM communicators, closed caption devices, amplified telephone receivers, closed circuit televisions, low-vision reading aids, player and recorders for 15/16 4-track tapes, photocopy machines able to use eleven-by-seventeen inch paper, brailling devices, and computer enhancements;
(e) release of syllabi, study guides, and other appropriate instructor-produced materials in advance of general distribution, and access beyond the regular classroom session to slides, films, overheads and other media and taping of lectures.

(5) An individual, firm, partnership or corporation that publishes or manufactures instructional materials for students attending any public or private institution of education, shall provide to the public or private institution of education, for use by students attending the institution, any instructional material in an electronic format mutually agreed upon by the publisher or manufacturer and the public or private institution of education.

(6) There shall be provided to learners with disabilities by every institution of higher learning, computer files or electronic versions of printed instructional materials; video materials that are captioned or accompanied by transcriptions of spoken text and audio materials accompanied by transcriptions.

(7) The supplemental materials referred to in subregulation (5) shall be provided to the public or private institution of education at no additional cost and in a timely manner, upon receipt of a written request.

(8) If an institution of education provides a student with a specialized format version of an instructional material, the medium must be copy-protected or the public or private institution of education shall take other reasonable precautions to ensure that students, if they so wish, only copy or distribute specialized format versions of instructional materials in accordance with copyright laws.
(9) Nothing in this regulation is to be construed to prohibit an institution of education from assisting a student with a print access disability through the use of an electronic version of instructional material gained through this regulation or by transcribing or translating or arranging for the transcription or translation of the instructional material into specialized formats that provide persons with print access disabilities the ability to have increased independent access to instructional materials.

(10) If such specialized format referred to in subregulation (8) is made, an institution of education may share the specialized format version of the instructional material with other students with print access disabilities for whom the institution of education is authorized to request electronic versions of instructional material.

(11) A specialized format version of instructional materials developed at one institution of education may be shared for use by a student at another institution of education in Kenya.

(12) Nothing in this regulation shall be deemed to authorize any use of instructional materials that would constitute an infringement of copyright laws.

10. Sports, recreation and social integration

(1) The Government shall create conditions for equality of persons with disabilities with the other persons.

(2) The relevant Ministries shall ensure the optimum access and use of recreation, culture, sport and tourist events and services for persons with disabilities through—

(a) determining and adapting such places for persons with disabilities;

(b) providing free of charge specialized information for use of services, routes, architectural-transport and other alleviation at the places for public use, destined for recreation, culture and sport; and

(c) ensuring adapted visual and sound translation of cultural, recreation, sport and other programmes and materials for persons with impaired sight and hearing.

(3) Relevant public bodies and local authorities, the sports federations, associations and clubs shall ensure the social integration of persons with disabilities through—

(a) adapting sports facilities and bases for use in sports activities by persons with disabilities together with other persons;

(b) providing specialized sport facilities and bases to persons with disabilities;

(c) providing information about sports events for persons with disabilities promoting such events in media.

(4) Local authorities shall provide the necessary material base and the resources for the social contacts of persons with disabilities.

11. Promotion of employment of persons with disabilities

(1) Pursuant to section 13 of the Act, the Council request any employer to consider reserving at least five percent, or such higher percentage as the employer may accept, of the employment positions of the employer, for persons with disabilities.

(2) The Council may recommend to the Minister responsible for matters relating to finance and subject to such conditions as the Minister may specify, for the Minister responsible for finance to prescribe tax waivers, tax credits and other privileges to be enjoyed by an employer who or which voluntarily accepts to reserve not less than five percent of employment positions of such employer for persons with disability.
(3) The Council shall liaise with relevant public and private bodies and advise on suitable means of realizing the reservation of at least five percent of all employment positions in the public and private sector for persons with disabilities.

12. Public service employment

(1) No public service establishment may dispense with, or reduce in rank, an employee merely on account of disability.

(2) Where an employee, after acquiring disability is not suitable for the post he or she was holding, such employee may be shifted to some other suitable post on the same pay scale and service benefits.

(3) Where it is not possible to adjust an employee against a post, such employee may be kept on a supernumerary post until a suitable post is available or he or she attains the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier.

(4) No promotion shall be denied to a person merely on the ground of his or her disability.

(5) The Council may, having regard to the type of work carried on in any establishment, by notification and subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in such notification, exempt any establishment from the provisions of this regulation.

13. Public service vehicles

The owners of public service vehicles shall from such date as the Minister may by notice in the Gazette appoint—

(a) adapt rail compartments, buses, vessels and aircrafts in such a way as to permit easy access to persons with disabilities;

(b) adapt toilets in rail compartments, vessels, aircrafts and waiting rooms in such a way as to permit wheel chair users and other persons with disabilities to use them conveniently.

14. Other road traffic facilities

The relevant Ministries, Departments of Government and local authorities shall, from such date as the Minister may by notice in the Gazette appoint, provide for the—

(a) installation of auditory signals at red lights in the public roads for the benefit of persons who are visually impaired;

(b) provision of kerb cuts and slopes to be made in pavements for the easy access of wheel chair users;

(c) engraving on the surface of pedestrians crossings and the edges of railway platforms for persons who are visually impaired;

(d) posting of appropriate symbols of disability;

(e) posting of warning signals and symbols at appropriate places.

15. Facilities in public buildings

The relevant Ministries, Departments of Government and the local authorities shall, from such date as the Minister may by notice in the Gazette appoint, ensure—

(a) provision of suitable ramps in public buildings;

(b) adaptation of all public toilets for wheel chair users and other persons with disability;

(c) provision of Braille symbols and auditory signals in elevators or lifts.
16. **Television programmes**

   (1) Public broadcasting stations shall, from such date as the Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* appoint, incorporate sign language in their television programmes.

   (2) Private broadcasting stations shall endeavour to incorporate sign language in their television programs targeting the general public including news, talk shows, documentaries, and educational programmes.

17. **Newspapers and other print media**

   Newspapers and such other print media as the Minister may specify shall, from such date as the Minister may by notice in the *Gazette*, appoint, make their publications available in electronic form.

18. **Telephone services**

   Telephone service providers shall, from such date as the Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* appoint, ensure that telephone facilities and services, where necessary, incorporate assistive aids for persons with hearing, speech and visual disabilities.
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1. Citation  
These Regulations may be cited as the Persons with Disabilities (Cost, Care, Support and Maintenance) Regulations, 2009.  

2. Interpretation  
In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—  
“Act” means the Persons with Disabilities Act;  
“Council” has the meaning assigned to it in the Act, (No. 14 of 2003).  

3. Institutions for persons with severe disabilities  
(1) The Council shall promote the establishment and maintenance of institutions for persons with severe disabilities at such places as it thinks fit.  

(2) The Council shall promote and advise in the development and implementation by local authorities, community based organizations and other stakeholders, of suitable community based rehabilitation and welfare programs for the inclusion, integration, maintenance, care and support of children and persons with disabilities, including offenders with disabilities who may at the material time be serving a probationary sentence and ex-prisoners, in the respective communities.  

(3) To this end, training under community rehabilitation program shall include vocational and trade skills, independent living skills and capacity building of children and persons with disabilities for effective rehabilitation and inclusion of children and persons with disabilities in the community.  

(4) Where the Council is of the opinion that any institution other than an institution established under subregulation (1) is fit for the rehabilitation of the persons with severe disabilities, the Council may recognize such institution as an institution for persons with severe disabilities for the purposes of this Regulation.  

(5) No institution shall be recognized under this regulation unless such institution has complied with the requirements of these Regulations.  

(6) A person with a disability to whom subsection (1) refers shall apply to the Council for consideration for admission in an institution with a view to his/her rehabilitation, care and maintenance for a period not exceeding 12 months, provided that the Council shall thereafter facilitate the implementation of community based care, support and maintenance of children and persons with severe disabilities in the community.  

(7) The Council shall consider every application made in pursuance to this regulation and if it is satisfied—  
(a) that the applicant is a person with severe disabilities;  
(b) that owing to special circumstances, the local authority in which the applicant is ordinarily resident, cannot facilitate for the applicant’s care and maintenance,  
may recommend that person with a disability be admitted into an institution for the persons with severe disabilities.
(8) In determining any case or application for admission of a person with severe disability in any institution established under this regulation, the Council shall at its own discretion consider the age, gender, economic status, family background, special needs and nature of disability of the applicant, and the suitability of the proposed institution.

(9) The Council may, by writing, delegate any of its powers under the provisions of this Act, in relation to any particular matters, or class of matters or to any particular place, area, district or region, so that the delegated powers may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters specified in the place, area, district or region specified in the instrument of delegation.

(10) For the purposes of this section “person with severe disabilities” means a person who, in the opinion of a medical professional approved by the Council, has eighty per cent or more of one or more disabilities.

4. Power of the Court to order maintenance of person with disability

(1) Where it is established that any person has been guilty of wilful neglect to provide reasonable care and maintenance in respect of a person with a disability for whose care and maintenance the person is by or under any law responsible, the court may, on the application of either the person with a disability or the Council, order that the person makes monthly payments towards the maintenance of that person with a disability as the court may think just having regard to the means of the person.

(2) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the court may, in exercise of its discretion under this subregulation, reprimand, warn, or order the attachment of the assets of, the defaulting party and direct that the same be administered by any person or community based organization appointed by the court for the care and maintenance of the person with disability.

(3) The court shall have power from time to time by an order under this regulation to vary or discharge any previous order made in this regard.

(4) Where the court makes an order under subregulation (1) of this Regulation the court may, if it thinks fit, order that any person shall, to the satisfaction of the court, secure the monthly payments to a person with disability and may for that purpose give any directions it may consider necessary.

5. General institution for the persons with disabilities

(1) The Council may establish and maintain general institutions for persons with disabilities at such places as it may think fit.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of regulations 5 and 6, where a person with a disability has no person who can provide for his care and maintenance or where, owing to the special nature of his disability, such a person must be admitted in an institution for the person with a disabilities specially established to cater for such disability, the person may be admitted in an institution for persons with disabilities established under paragraph (1), or the Council may recommend admission into an institution which caters for the special disability as the case may be.

(3) A person with a disability to which subrule (1) refers, other than a person with a special disability as referred to in that subregulation, shall apply to the Council for consideration for admission in a general institution for person with a disabilities.

(4) The Council shall consider every application made in pursuance to this regulation and if it is satisfied—

(a) that the applicant is a person with a disability within the meaning of the Act; and

(b) that the applicant has no person who may provide for his or her care and maintenance; and
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(c) that owing to special circumstances, the local authority in which the applicant is ordinarily resident, cannot facilitate for the applicant’s care and maintenance, may recommend that the person with a disability be admitted in a general institution for persons with disabilities.

(5) The Council may specify conditions for admission of persons with disabilities into a general institution for persons with disabilities established under this regulation.

(6) The Council may, by writing, delegate any of its powers under the provisions of this Act, in relation to any particular matters, or class of matters or to any particular place, area, district or region, so that the delegated powers may be exercised by the delegate with respect to the matters or class of matters specified in the place, area, district or region specified in the instrument of delegation.

6. Funding of institutions

(1) Every institution established under regulations 1 and 6 shall be maintained in such manner and satisfy such conditions as may be specified by the Council.

(2) The funding of institutions referred to in subregulation (1) shall be subject to section 33 of the Act.

7. Form of application

(1) Where a person with a disability is unable to make application for admission into an institution of persons with disabilities under these Regulations, the application may be made by a designated officer of the Council to whom the application may be made or by any other person chosen by the person with a disability.

(2) The application referred to in paragraph (1) shall be in such form as may from time to time be specified by the Council.

8. Local authority to provide facilities for the care and maintenance of persons with disabilities

(1) Every local authority shall, either alone or in collaboration with any person or institution, establish, operate, manage and maintain facilities for the care and maintenance of persons with disabilities.

(2) At purchase or construction or basic repair of a dwelling house, a person with severe disabilities may be advanced credit of up to seventy-five percent of the value of a standard living area.

(3) The extent of the standard referred to in subregulation (3), the conditions and the order for providing credit, shall be determined by the Council with the approval of the Minister.

9. Access to house loans

(1) The Council shall, from the Fund established under the Act, facilitate access to residences for persons with severe disabilities.

10. Unemployment allowance

The Council shall, within the limits of its financial capacity by notification, frame a scheme for payment of an unemployment allowance to persons with severe disabilities registered with the Council for more than two years and who could not be placed in any gainful occupation.
11. Parents of person with disabilities

(1) The parents or guardian of a person with a disability who is under eighteen years of age and with severe disabilities which require specialized care shall be entitled to a monthly allowance of such amount as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Minister.

(2) The allowances referred to under subregulation (1) shall, unless the Council is satisfied that owing to the severity of the disability the circumstances of any particular case so warrant, terminate on the attainment by the person with disability of the age of eighteen years.

(3) Beyond the age of eighteen, the allowances payable under this regulation shall be paid directly to the person with disability and such person may be treated in his own right under the other regulations for Cost, Care and Maintenance, and the Council may recommend the person to whom such allowance may be made.

(4) The parents of a person with severe disabilities shall not receive a monthly allowance if the persons under subregulation (1) are accommodated in an institution with full Government support.

12. Registered institutions to apply for assistance from the Council

(1) Any institution or organization referred to in section 33(2)(a) and (b) of the Act may, in such form as the Council may from time to time specify, apply to the Council for financial assistance in furtherance of the objects of such institutions.

(2) The Council shall, before considering any application under this regulation, ascertain that the institution is registered under the Act.

(3) Any contribution or funding given by the Council under this regulation shall be within the limits of the economic capacity of the Council.
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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, 2009
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1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Persons with Disabilities (Registration) Regulations, 2009.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Persons with Disabilities Act (No. 14 of 2003);

“Council” means the National Council for Persons with Disabilities;

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being responsible for matters relating to persons with disabilities.

3. Application for registration

(1) An application for registration under section 7(1)(c) of the Act shall be made to the Council in Form 1 set out in the Schedule.

(2) In addition to the information required to be furnished in the prescribed form the applicant shall furnish such further information and material as may be required by the Council for the proper evaluation of the application.

(3) Any person who provides false information under this regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding six thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term of six months.

4. Fees

(1) Subject to this regulation, no fee may be charged in respect of an application made under regulation 3.

(2) A fee of fifty shillings shall be payable for the issue of a duplicate copy of the certificate of registration if the original is defaced, damaged or lost and the duplicate copy so issued shall bear the words “DUPLICATE COPY”.

5. Applications by individuals

(1) A person with a disability may apply to have his or her name and particulars entered in the register of persons with disabilities.

(2) An applicant under subregulation (1) may be required to attend such interview, medical examination and other assessment as the Council may consider necessary.

(3) Where the person with disability is a minor or is otherwise incapacitated or the extent or nature of the disability is such that personal application for registration by him or her is not possible, his or her guardian, custodian or caretaker, as the case may be, may submit the application for registration on behalf of the person with disability.

(4) The Council may, notwithstanding that no application has been made by a person under subregulations (1) or (3), on the application of any other person or on its own motion, if satisfied that it is in the best interests of a person with disability to be registered, and after affording the person with disability and any other interested or affected person an opportunity to be heard, register such person in the register of persons with disabilities.
5. A person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Council to register him or her under subregulation (4) may apply to the High Court for an order to remove to the High Court and quash such decision.

6. Application by institutions

   (1) Every institution applying to have its name entered in the register shall specify, in its application—
      (a) the registered name and address of the institution;
      (b) the number of employees in the institution;
      (c) the number of persons with disabilities in the institution;
      (d) the name, address and nature of disability of each person with disability in the institution or under its jurisdiction;
      (e) the nature or description of any employment which the persons with disabilities under its care may be engaged in.

   (2) The Council may require a representative of an applicant under this regulation to attend an interview and may visit and inspect the offices or premises of the applicant.

   (3) The Council may notwithstanding that no application has been made by an institution under subregulations (1), on the application of any other person or on its own motion, if satisfied that it is in the best interests of persons with disability so to do, and after affording the institution and any other interested or affected person an opportunity to be heard, register such institution.

   (4) The Council may visit and inspect the offices or premises of any organization or institution that holds itself out as being an organization of or for persons with disabilities, notwithstanding that the organization is not registered under these Regulations.

7. Issue of certificate of registration

   (1) The Council shall consider an application made under regulation 4, and may make such enquiries as it may consider necessary and, where it is satisfied that the applicant has complied with the requirements of these Regulations, it shall register the applicant and issue a certificate of registration which shall be in Form 2 set out in the Schedule.

   (2) If the Council is not satisfied as to the particulars provided by the applicant, it may, after providing an opportunity to the applicant to be heard, reject the application for registration of the applicant, and shall inform the applicant in writing of such rejection and the reasons for the rejection.

8. Duration, etc. of certificates of registration

   (1) A certificate of registration issued under these Regulations shall, unless earlier suspended or revoked, be in force for a period of five years from the date of issue, and may thereafter be renewed for periods not exceeding five years at any one time.

   (2) If an application for renewal is made before the expiration of the period of validity of the certificate of registration the certificate shall remain in force until the application is approved; except that where the application for renewal is made after the expiration of the period of validity of the certificate of registration the application shall be considered as a fresh application and the provisions of regulations 6 and 7 shall apply accordingly.

9. Suspension or revocation of certificate of registration

   (1) The Council may, on the application of any person or on its own motion, revoke a certificate of registration issued under these Regulations or suspend it for such period as the Council may determine.
(2) The powers conferred by paragraph (1) shall not be exercised by the Council in respect of any certificate of registration except on one or more of the following grounds—

(a) that the matters stated in the application on which the certificate of registration was granted were false or incomplete in a material particular;

(b) that a provision of the certificate of registration has to a material extent been contravened by the holder of the certificate;

(c) that any condition existing at the time of the application and on the basis of which the certificate of registration was granted has materially changed; or

(d) that new information has been discovered by the Council which renders the applicant unregistrable under the Act.

(3) On the revocation of a certificate in respect of an institution, the Council may make such orders, for the safety and welfare of any person, as it may consider necessary and may direct that any person with disability who is resident in such institution on the date of such revocation, shall be—

(a) restored to the custody of his or her parent, spouse or lawful guardian as the case may be; or

(b) transferred to any other institution specified by the Council.

10. Appeal

(1) Any person who is aggrieved by a decision or order of the Council refusing to grant a certificate or revoking or suspending a certificate may, within thirty days from the date of the Order, appeal to the Minister against such decision or order.

(2) The decision of the Minister on an appeal under subregulation (1) shall be final.

(3) Where an appeal lies to the Minister under these Regulations against the order of the Council, the order of the Council shall, unless the Council or the Minister otherwise determines, come into effect—

(a) where no appeal has been lodged, immediately on the expiry of the period prescribed for the filing of an appeal; or

(b) where an appeal has been lodged, but the order of revocation has been upheld, from the date of the order on appeal.

11. Registers

(1) The Council shall establish and maintain separate registers for—

(a) persons with disabilities;

(b) institutions, associations and organizations of and for persons with disability, including those controlled and managed by the government and local authorities, that provide services for the rehabilitation and welfare of persons with disabilities;

(c) places at which services for the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities are provided; and

(d) persons with disabilities whose condition requires constant medical attention for the purposes of availing subsidized medical services.

(2) The Council may, at any time, delete the name of a person from the register where it is satisfied that—

(a) the name of the person has been entered by misrepresentation or through fraudulent means; or

(b) the person, if an individual, has ceased to be a person with a disability, or has died; or
(c) the person, if not an individual, has by law ceased to exist and shall inform the person concerned accordingly.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations, the Council may on the application of a person with disability remove the name of a person from the register of persons with disabilities if it is satisfied that there are sufficient reasons to do so.

12. Offence to fraudulently obtain relief

(1) Any persons who fraudulently—

(a) obtains or applies or attempts to apply to obtain registration under these Regulations; or

(b) gives or omits to give any material information which he or she is required to give under these Regulations,

 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of six thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a period of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who, being responsible for the management of an organization of or for persons with disability that is required to be registered under these Regulations, wilfully fails or refuses to apply for such registration, commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine of six thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a period of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

Form 1

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

(To be submitted in duplicate)

CONFIDENTIAL

PART I

The Director
National Council for Persons with Disabilities
NAIROBI

Application No. ...............................................................

Date Received: ...............................................................

1. (a) Name of applicant .................................................................

   Marital status ........................................................................
   Date of Birth ...........................................................................
   Physical address ....................................................................
   Postal address ......................................................................
   Telephone No. ........................................ Fax No. ..................
   E-mail address ........................................ Website ................

(b) If applicant is not the same as the person with a disability, please state:

   Name of person with disability) ........................................
   Date of Birth .....................................................................
SCHEDULE—continued

Marital status
Physical address
Postal address
Telephone No.
Fax No.
E-mail address
Relationship with applicant (attach evidence)

2. (a) Type of disability
(b) Brief description of disability

3. (a) Employment history of person with disability
(b) Present employer if any
(c) Other source(s) of income

PART II
(To be completed by institutions)

4. (a) Registered name of Institution
(b) Address of the institution
(c) Number of employees in the institution
(d) Number of persons with disabilities in the institution
(e) Nature or description of services provided for persons with disabilities

Names, addresses and nature of disability of persons with disabilities for whom the institution is providing or has provided services (attach additional sheets of paper if necessary)

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned hereby declare that all the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: .................................................................
(Designation): .............................................

Signature: .................................................................

Date: .................................................................

Form 2 (r. 7(1))

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY/INSTITUTION/PLACE OF OR FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

Reg. Number .............................................

It is hereby certified that the person/institution/place as described hereunder has been registered as a person with disability/institution/place of or for persons with disabilities—

1. Name of person/institution/place: .................................................................
2. Sex .................................................................
3. Physical Address: .................................................................
SCHEDULE—continued

4. Postal Address ............................................................................................................

5. Nature of Disability .....................................................................................................

6. Date of registration: .....................................................................................................

   This certificate expires on the .................. day of ......................... 20 ...........

   Issued this ......................... Day of .........................

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   Signature

   Director- National Council for Persons with Disabilities.
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES) (Conduct of Business and Affairs of
The Board of Trustees) Regulations, 2009

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1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Persons with Disabilities (National Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities) (Conduct of Business and Affairs of the Board of Trustees) Regulations, 2009.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Persons with Disabilities Act (No. 14 of 2003);

“Board” means the Board of Trustees of the Fund;

3. Appointment of members and tenure of office

(1) The Minister shall by notice in the Gazette notify the appointment of members of the Board.

(2) Subject to the Act, no person who is a member of the Council may be appointed to the Board.

(3) The Chairperson or a member of the Board other than ex-officio members shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, hold office for a period of three years, on such terms and conditions, subject to the Trustees Act and other laws governing trustees, as may be specified by the Council in the instrument of appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term.

4. Vacation of office

(1) A member other than an ex officio member may—

(a) at any time resign from office by notice in writing to the Minister;

(b) be removed from office by the Minister on recommendation of the Board if the member—

(i) has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without its permission;

(ii) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine;

(iii) is incapacitated by prolonged physical or mental illness for a period exceeding six months;

(iv) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge his functions.

5. Meetings

(1) The Board shall, at its first meeting, elect a chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from amongst its members and shall thereupon forward the names of the persons so elected to the Minister for gazettement.

(2) The Board shall meet not less than four times in every financial year and not more than four months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting.
(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Chairperson may, and upon requisition in writing by at least five members shall, convene a special meeting of the Board at any time for the transaction of the business of the Board.

(4) Unless three quarters of the total members of the Board otherwise agree, at least fourteen days’ written notice of every meeting of the Board shall be given to every member of the Board.

(5) The quorum for the conduct of the business of the Board shall be more than half of the total members including the Chairperson or the person presiding.

(6) The Chairperson or in his absence, the Vice-Chairperson, shall preside at every meeting of the Board but the members present shall elect one of their number to preside whenever the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, and the person so elected shall have all the powers of the Chairperson with respect to that meeting and the business transacted thereat.

(7) Unless a unanimous decision is reached, a decision on any matter before the Board shall be by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting, and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson or the person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(8) Subject to paragraph (5), no proceedings of the Board shall be invalid by reason only of a vacancy among the members thereof.

(9) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Board may determine its own procedure and the procedure for any committee of the Board and for the attendance of other persons at its meetings and may make standing orders in respect thereof.

6. Committees of the Board

(1) The Board may establish such committees as it may deem appropriate to perform such functions and responsibilities as it may determine.

(2) The Board shall appoint the Chairperson of a committee established under paragraph (1) from amongst its members.

(3) The Board may where it deems appropriate, co-opt any person to attend the deliberations of any of its committees.

(4) All decisions by the committees appointed under paragraph (1) shall be ratified by the Board.

7. Disclosure of interest

(1) A member who has an interest in any contract, or other matter, present at a meeting shall at the meeting and as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement, disclose the fact thereof and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, any questions with respect to the contract or other matter, or be counted in the quorum of the meeting during consideration of the matter.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under paragraph (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member of the Board who contravenes paragraph (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding six thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both.

8. Remuneration of Board members

The Board shall pay its members such remuneration, fees or allowances for expenses as it may determine in consultation with the Minister for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance.
9. Secretary of the Board

The Director of the Council shall be the secretary to the Board and shall subject to the
directions of the Board, be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs and
staff of the Board.

10. Staff of the Board

The Board may appoint such officers and other staff as are necessary for the proper
discharge of its functions under the Act, upon such terms and conditions of service as it
may determine.

11. Delegation by the Board

The Board may, by resolution either generally or in any particular case, delegate to
any committee or to any member, officer, employee or agent of the Board, the exercise of
any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions or duties of the Board under
this Act or under any other written law.

12. Independence of the Board

(1) The Council shall respect the need for the operational independence of the Board
and shall not seek to unduly control or direct the Board in the discharge of its functions.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Board shall prepare and submit to the Council
an annual report on the discharge of its functions in each year.

13. Protection from person liability

(1) No act or omission by any member of the Board or by any officer, employee, agent
or servant of the Board shall, if the act or omission was done bona-fide for the purposes of
executing a function, power or duty under the Act render such member, officer, employee,
agent or servant personally liable to any action, claim or demand whatsoever.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not relieve the Board of the liability to pay
compensation to any person for any injury to him, his property or to any of his interests
caued by the exercise of any power conferred by the Act or by failure, whether wholly or
partially, of any works.

14. Common seal

(1) The common seal of the Board shall be kept in such custody as the Board may
direct and shall not be used except on the order of the Board.

(2) The affixing of the common seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the
signature of the Chairperson and the secretary to the Board and any document not
required by law to be made under seal and all decisions of the Board may be
authenticated by the signatures of both the Chairperson and the secretary to the Board.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) the Board shall, in the absence of
either the Chairperson or the secretary to the Board in a particular matter, nominate one
member to authenticate the seal on behalf of either the Chairperson or the secretary to the
Board.

(4) The common seal of the Board when affixed to a document and duly authenticated
shall be judicially and officially noticed and unless and until the contrary is proved, any
necessary order or authorization by the Board under this regulation shall be presumed to
have been duly given.
15. Contracts and instruments

Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Board by any person generally or specially authorized by the Board for that purpose.
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1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the Persons with Disabilities (Income Tax Deductions and Exemptions) Order, 2010.

2. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Persons with Disabilities Act (No. 14 of 2003);

“Commissioner” shall have the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Income Tax Act (Cap. 470);

“Council” means the National Council for Persons with Disabilities established under section 3 of the Act;

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance;

“total income” shall have the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Income Tax Act (Cap. 470).

3. Eligibility for tax exemption

A person with disability shall not be eligible to apply for tax exemption unless he or she is registered with the Council.

4. Application for tax exemption

(1) A person with disability may apply for exemption from income tax to the Commissioner through the Council in Form 1 set out in the Schedule.

(2) The exemption under sub-paragraph (1) shall apply to the first one hundred and fifty thousand shillings of the total income per month.

(3) The Council shall establish a committee, whose members shall include a medical doctor, for the purposes of vetting applications for tax exemption.

(4) The Council shall after vetting an application for tax exemption, give a recommendation in Form 2 set out in the Schedule to the Commissioner.

5. Deductions from total income

(1) In addition to deductions allowed under the Income Tax Act (Cap. 470), and subject to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, expenses incurred in respect of the following shall be considered when determining the total income—

(a) non-reimbursed amounts paid by a person with disability for treatment or admission in a hospital, nursing home or any other health facility;

(b) non-reimbursed amounts paid by a person with disability for prescription drugs for that person’s use;

(c) non-reimbursed amounts paid by a person with disability for goods and services that allow the person with disability to receive home care or personal care; or
Provided that the total deduction allowed under sub-paragraph (1) shall not exceed fifty thousand shillings per month.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)—
   (a) “home care” includes medical treatment, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and home based and personal care;
   (b) “personal care” includes assistance in the preparation or serving of meals, getting dressed, feeding, taking medication, personal hygiene and training in activities that relate to daily living skills.

6. Determination of application for exemption

   (1) The Commissioner shall within thirty days of receipt of a recommendation from the Council under paragraph 4(4) determine the application for tax exemption.

   (2) The Commissioner may request for any other information that he may consider necessary to facilitate the determination of an application, including requiring the applicant to appear before him for an interview.

   (3) Where the exemption is granted, the Commissioner shall issue a tax exemption certificate to the applicant.

   (4) Where the exemption is not granted, the Commissioner shall, within thirty days of receipt of the application, notify the applicant of the denial in writing.

7. Appeals

   An applicant may appeal to the Minister through the Council against the decision of the Commissioner made under paragraph 6(4), within thirty days of receiving the notification of the decision.

8. Validity of tax exemption certificate

   A tax exemption certificate issued by the Commissioner under paragraph 6 shall be valid for three years.

9. Change of circumstances

   An eligible person shall, within sixty days of experiencing any change in his or her status that materially affects his eligibility for tax exemption, notify the Commissioner of the change.

10. Revocation of tax exemption certificate

    The Commissioner shall revoke a tax exemption certificate issued under paragraph 6 if he is satisfied that—
    (a) the status of the applicant has significantly changed in a manner that affects his or her eligibility status for the tax exemption; or
    (b) the applicant omitted material information at the time of making the application that if such information was submitted it could have affected his or her eligibility for tax exemption.

11. Offences

    Any person who fraudulently—
    (a) obtains or applies or attempts to apply to obtain an income tax deduction or exemption; or
persons with disabilities

[Subsidiary]

(b) gives or omits to give any material information which he or she is required to give under these Regulations, commits an offence, and is liable to a fine not exceeding ten thousand shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

Form 1

THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS) REGULATIONS

APPLICATION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION

(To be submitted in duplicate)

CONFIDENTIAL

PART I

The Director
National Council for Persons with Disabilities
NAIROBI

1. (a) Name of applicant ..................................................................................................................
    Sex ........................................................................................................................................
    Date of Birth ...........................................................................................................................
    Marital status ..........................................................................................................................
    PIN Number ...........................................................................................................................
    Physical address ......................................................................................................................
    Registration Number ............................................................................................................
    Postal address ....................................................................................................................... 
    Telephone No. ........................................ Fax No. ............................................................
    E-mail address ........................................................ Website .............................................

(b) If applicant is not the same as the person with a disability, please state the following particulars of the person with disability in respect of whom the application is made:
    Name .....................................................................................................................................
    Sex ........................................................................................................................................
    Marital status ..........................................................................................................................
    PIN Number ...........................................................................................................................
    Physical address ......................................................................................................................
    Registration Number ............................................................................................................
    Postal address ....................................................................................................................... 
    Telephone No. ........................................ Fax No. ............................................................
    E-mail address ........................................................ Website .............................................

(c) Relationship of applicant with person with disability (attach evidence) ..................................

2. (a) Income Tax exemption is sought in respect of salary/self employment income/property/other (please specify in detail) ..........................................................

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(b) If Income Tax exemption is sought in respect of salary please give the following information:
Name and address of employer ........................................................................................................
Employment Number ....................................................................................................................
Gross salary (please attach most recent pay slip) ...........................................................................
List other benefits (if any) provided by the employer (e.g. car, telephone) .................................
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(c) If tax exemption is sought in respect of self-employment income please give the following information:
Nature of self-employment (Specify in detail and attach evidence) ...........................................
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Physical address of place of self-employment .............................................................................
Annual income (attach all relevant evidence) ................................................................................
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(d) If tax exemption is sought in respect of property income please give the following information:
Full particulars of property or properties (registered owner, land reference number, physical location (attach evidence)) ..............................................................................................................
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Approximate value of each property (please attach most recent pay)
Tax assessed or demanded .............................................................................................................

DECLARATION
I, the undersigned hereby declare that all the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Name ....................................................................................................................................................
Signature ..............................................................................................................................................
Date ......................................................................................................................................................

Form 2  (r. 4(4))

THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS) REGULATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF RECOMMENDATION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSON WITH DISABILITY

Recommendation Number ..................................

It is hereby certified that the person described hereunder who is registered as a person with disability (Registration Number ..................) has been recommended for income tax exemption in respect of salary/self employment income/property/other income.
1. Name of person .............................................................................................................................
2. Sex ...................................................................................................................................................
3. Marital status ....................................................................................................................................
4. PIN Number ......................................................................................................................................
5. Physical Address: .............................................................................................................................
SCHEDULE—continued

6. Postal Address ........................................................................................................ .................................................................

7. Recommendation for income exemption (please specify in detail) .................................................................
   This certificate expires on the ................................ day of ........................................ 20 ..........
   Issued this ............................................................... day of .................................................................

Signature .................................................................................................................................

Director, National Council for Persons with Disabilities