

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT, VETERANS AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



The Republic of Serbia acceded to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2009

Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities



- the status of a person with a disability is granted to a war invalid, a peacetime invalid and a civilian war invalid;
- is based on the principles governing the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, the inclusion of all persons with disabilities, on an equal basis, in all spheres of social life - in accordance with the professional abilities they possess

Law on the Rights of Veterans, War Invalids, Civilian War Invalids and Members of Their Families („Official Gazette of RS“, No. 18/2020)



- MLEVSA is the competent authority in the Government of the Republic of Serbia in charge of ensuring protection, rights and financial support to disabled civilian veterans, family members of disabled civilian veterans and family members of civilian war victims.
- Local self-government units submit data on the number of beneficiaries to the Ministry in accordance with the law.
- According to the database on the number of civilian victims affected by ERW, from decembar 2021, the situation is as follows :
- 696 civilian war invalids, 218 family members of deceased civilian war invalids and family members of civilian war victims, i.e. 125 deceased civilian war invalids, as well as 93 family members of civilian war victims.
- All persons reported to have been injured by anti-personnel mines or other explosive remnants of war suffered injuries in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Republic of Serbia.

Strategy and bylaws

- Strategy for Improvement of Position of Persons with Disabilities for period 2020-2024
- Rulebook on detailed conditions, criteria and standards for the implementation of all measures and activities in vocational rehabilitation
- Management board of National Employment Service of Serbia adopted Rulebook on methods and criteria for the implementation of an active labor market for persons with disabilities
 - Accordingly, employers employing fifty or more workers are obliged to employ at least one disabled employee.

Number of basic types of benefits:



War invalids are entitled to a number of different benefits:

- orthopedic allowance;
- medical care and financial compensation related to the realization of medical care;
- Spa center recovery;
- Professional rehabilitation and
- Financial assistance during preofessional rehabilitation and etc.

Goals

- The Government of Serbia finances project activities of associations of persons with disabilities, associations of war invalids, as well as associations of civilian victims of war. Through such activities, the associations organize trainings aimed at promoting the capacity building of women and men, as well as improving the psychological and social situation of survivors.
- Financing as many project activities of associations of persons with disabilities, associations of war invalids, as well as associations of civilian victims from the budget of the Republic of Serbia, as well as involving potential assistance from various international organizations.
- Stronger coordination between the representatives of the associations who dealing with the Victim assistance and the Government.
- Improving access to services and deficiencies, disability needs assessment, education in health care, activities in employment, development and poverty reduction activities with goals to be achieved through the implementation of national policies, plans and legislative frameworks, as well as potential assistance from various international organizations

Challenges



- Create a central database that would contain the causes on accidents and injuries
- The state supports the development of services in the field of veteran-disability protection, social protection and employment, so that rural areas are included, in order to increase the availability of services.
- In addition to the financial resources provided by the budget of the Republic of Serbia, it is desirable to include potential assistance from various international organizations to finance project activities of associations of persons with disabilities, associations of war invalids and civilian victims of war.

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Thanks for your attention!

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