

Scheme 1.3- Pension (Disability pension)



What is disability pension?

Individuals with disabilities, known as Divyangjan, are eligible for a pension of Rs. 300 per month if their age falls between 18 and 79 years. For those aged 80 years and above, the pension amount is increased to Rs. 500 per month. Karnataka holds the distinction of being the pioneer state to provide a monthly maintenance allowance of Rs. 400 to four lakh persons with disabilities. Additionally, individuals with a disability percentage of 75% or higher receive a monthly payment of Rs. 1200.

What is the eligibility criteria for accessing benefits from the disability scheme?

The eligibility criteria for a disabled person to avail the benefits are as follows.

1. The age of the applicant should range between 18-79 years.
2. The applicant should be a resident of India.
3. The applicant should be a physically or mentally disabled person.
4. The applicant's disability should be more than 80%.
5. Dwarfs are also eligible for this scheme.
6. The applicant should belong to Below Poverty Line.

Key aspects related to disability pension

Benefits	Amount (Rs.)	Frequency	Applies to	Contribution by worker (Rs.)	Time specified (days)	Time taken (days)	Fee specified (Rs.)	Money spent (Rs.)	Timeline for submission
Disability pension	Monthly allowance of Rs. 400 persons with disabilities, and those with a disability percentage of 75% or higher receive Rs. 1200.	Monthly	Disabled	-					

What type of documents required for application?

1. BPL CardAadhaar cardAge Proof - For age, the birth certificate or school certificate may be relied on.
2. In their absence ration card and EPIC may be considered.
3. If there is no valid document, any Medical Officer of any government hospital may be authorized to issue the age certificate.
4. Disability certificate:- Disability certificate (80% and More) issued from Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Centre or Primary Health Centre will be accepted.
5. Passport Size Photographs.

What is the procedure to apply?

Online

- One can download UMANG App or visit website https://web.umang.gov.in/web_new/home
- The citizen can login using mobile number and OTP.

- Once logged In, citizen can search for NSAP.
- Click on “Apply Online” Fill the basic details, choose the mode of payment of pension, upload photo and click on “Submit”.

Offline

- Individuals can submit completely filled applications to the Gram Panchayat / Block Office in the rural area and the Municipality / Municipal Council in the urban area, as per eligibility.
- A Verification Officer or Verification Team under an authorized officer verifies the applications with reference to facts related to eligibility
- The Verification Officer make the necessary recommendation for sanction or rejection with reasons. The list of applicants with the recommendations of the Verifying Authority is discussed in the Gram Sabha in rural areas or Ward Sabha / Area Sabha as designated by the State Government in urban areas and thereafter in the Gram Panchayats and Municipalities.
- If the time limits are not adhered to by Gram Sabha / Ward Sabhas, Gram Panchayats / Municipalities the Verification Officer directly submits his recommendations to the Sanctioning Authority under intimation to the Gram Panchayat / Municipality.
- After receipt of applications which are verified and recommended by the Gram Sabha / Ward Committee / Area Sabha, the Sanctioning Authority convey approval to the applicant in the form of a Sanction Order with a copy to Gram Panchayat / Municipality concerned.
- The Sanctioning Authority issues Sanction Order under his seal Every beneficiary who has been sanctioned pension under schemes of NSAP are issued a Pension Passbook. The Passbook contain details of the Sanction Order, particulars of the pensioner and disbursement details
- The list of beneficiaries to whom sanctions are issued is displayed at the Gram Panchayat / Ward / Municipal Office and updated every three months. The Pension amount is directly paid to the beneficiaries through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) process to their post office or bank account.

Why do domestic workers often fail to receive the pension?

The application process for disability benefits requires individuals to go through multiple steps, creating a complicated and challenging procedure, particularly for physically challenged persons who may find it difficult to navigate various departments. The detailed process involves the following steps:

On-ground implementation

1. **Hospital Visit:** The first step requires individuals to visit a hospital to initiate the application process for the Unique Disability Identification (UDID) card. This involves medical assessments to determine the extent of disability.
2. **Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD):** After obtaining the disability certificate from the hospital, the next step involves domestic worker (woman) visiting the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) for further processing. This department likely handles aspects related to disability benefits and support.
3. **Taluk Office Visit:** Subsequently, individuals are required to visit the Taluk office, presumably for additional verification and formalities related to disability certification and benefits.

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