Persons With Disability Card (Philippines)

What is a PWD Card?

"THE HOLDER OF THE CARD IS A PERSON WITH DISABILITY & ENTITLED DISCOUNTS ON MEDICAL & DENTAL PURCHASE OF MEDICINES, TRANSPORTATION, ADMISSION FEES IN ALL ESTABLISHMENTS & EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS AUTHORIZED BY R.A.9442 & ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES & REGULATIONS. ANY VIOLATION THEREOF IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW."

In a nutshell it states the by R.A. 9442, people with disability can avail of discounts when purchasing medicine, basic commodities, as well as transportation and admission fees.

I live in Paranaque and so far my PWD card is being accepted in Mercury Drug Store and Pure Gold but the system is different in each.

Mercury Drug Store:

- Requirements: doctor's prescription, PWD ID Card and Medicine Purchase Booklet.
- You get the whole 20% before tax discount.
- Usually the discount is only applicable to a week's worth of medicines (for example 7 tables of Caltrate Plus with discount, good for one week).
- Some branches of Mercury Drugs Store allows you to avail of the 20% discount for bulk purchases (for example you buy the 100pcs of Caltrate with a 20% discount).

Pure Gold

- Requirements: PWD ID Card and Purchase Booklet.
- Pure Gold has a standard discount of Php65 per Php1,300 amount of purchase.
- Php65 is only 5% of Php1,300.
The explanation of the sale's lady is that there is still much debate going on with regards to the implementation of the law. In my head, they are clearly no abiding it. I wish I had the capacity to threaten them of suing and reporting for not following the law the clearly state that there should at least be a 20% discount which they can reclaim by deducting in their tax submissions. Just waiting for my batchmates to get their license to practice law and we'll about that. Or I could just print a copy of the law and present it at Pure Gold. What do you think?

Can a guardian purchase for you?
Yes. Write an authorization letter just to be sure.


How to Apply for PWD ID Card

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Procedures in ID Issuance to PWDs

NCDA Administrative Order Series of 2008 (Revised as of March 10, 2008)

B.1 Any bonafide person with permanent disability or his/her caregiver can obtain an application form from either of the following registration centers;

- Office of the Mayor
- Office of the Barangay Captain
- NCDA or its regional counterpart
- DSWD Offices
- Participating organizations with memorandum of agreements with the Department of Health

B.2 Applicant shall fill up the form, attaches two 1" x 1" picture with his or her signature or thumbmark behind.

B.3 He or she shall obtain a clinical abstract duly signed by any licensed private or government clinic or hospital-based physician and attach it with the application form.

B.4 Applicant, care-giver or registration center personnel then brings or uploads whichever is applicable, the application form and clinical abstract to the nearest City of Municipal Health Office or its satellite offices or stations at the barangay.

B.5 The receiving health office shall screen and perform the necessary medical and other allied medical assessment they deem necessary at no cost to the applicant for the accuracy of the entries with the actual and permanency of the condition of the PWD. If PWD is not ambulatory, the receiving health officer shall do a home visit to validate the entries and disability.

B.6 If entries of the application form and clinical abstract match the actual health condition of the PWD, the form with all attachments goes to the Health Officer of the Main City or Municipal Health Center.

B.7 The City or Municipal Health Officer shall fill up the certification form which shall be designed, reproduced and archived by the City of Municipal Health Office and shall contain but not limited to the following minimum information:

1. First Name, Middle Initial and Last Name of Applicant PWD
2. Diagnosis
3. Complete Address
4. Birthday
5. Gender
6. Father’s Name
7. Mother’s Name
8. Control Number
9. Physician’s signature over Printed Name and License Number

B.8 The City or Municipal Health Officer shall affix the control number on the certification form and application form and sign the certificate of disability. The City of Municipal Health Officer shall then enter the duly signed certificate of disability to the Philippine Registry for Persons with Disabilities that can be loaded from the DOH National Office Website.

B.9 Applications that were disapproved shall be advised regarding the deficiencies and shall be allowed to reapply until complied.

B.10 The applicant or care-giver shall bring the duly approved application form and certificate of disability to the City or Municipal Social Welfare Office or NCDA for issuance of the identification card.

B.11 The nearest local Social Welfare Office or NCDA may screen applicants further and require a social case study if warranted.

B.12 If found to be a valid application, the receiving officer of the local SWO or NCDA shall record control number and issues ID to PWDs.

B.13 As to the disability that is not apparent, the establishments may ask from the PWD additional documents as proofs as to his/her disability.

C. Validity and Renewal of the ID Card

The ID card issued to the PWD shall be valid for three years only for the purpose of issuing identification cards. The first issuance shall be for free. While its renewal due to expiration, loss or damage, the issuing authorities, Mayor, Barangay Captain and NCDA shall charge minimal fee for the new ID card.

Go to this page to view the List of Provinces and Cities Issuing IDs to Persons With Disabilities.