



New Disability Certificate Rules

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Recently, the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment of India** introduced the [Rights of Persons with Disabilities \(Amendment\) Rules, 2024](#).

▪ Changes in Certification Process:

- **Authority Requirement:** Only a **designated medical authority** at the **district level** can issue disability certificates.
- **Colour-Coded UDID Cards:** Color-coded [Unique Disability Identity \(UDID\) cards](#)—**white, yellow, and blue**—were introduced to indicate disability levels. **Blue** represents a disability level of **80% or higher**.
- **Online-Only Applications:** New norms make it **mandatory** to apply for the disability certificate **online**.
- **Extended Processing Time:** The issuance period for disability certificates has been extended from **one month to three months**.
- **Reapplication Requirement:** If no action is taken on a disability certificate application within **two years**, the applicant must **reapply**.

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