

(भारतसरकार) **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
(रेलमंत्रालय) **MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
(रेलवेबोर्ड) **(RAILWAY BOARD)**

COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 01 OF 2025

No.TC-II/2196/2024/PWD Policy

New Delhi, dated 22.01.2025

The Principal Chief Commercial Managers
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Rationalization of nomenclature of Persons with Visual Impairment
with total absence of sight

REF: 1. Relevant provisions of IRCA coaching Tariff No. 26 Part 1 (Vol.II)
2. Commercial Circular no. 04 of 2018 dated 12.01.2018

As per IRCA coaching Tariff No. 26 Part-1 (Vol II) and Commercial Circular no. 04 of 2018 dated 12.01.2018 concession is admissible to 4 categories of Persons with Disabilities including Persons with Visual impairment with total absence of sight.

2. Ministry of Railways has now decided to replace the words "Persons with Visual impairment with total absence of sight" with the following:

"Blindness" which means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction-

(i). Total absence of sight; or

(ii). Visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 by Snellen's chart in better eye with best possible corrections; or

(iii). Limitation of field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree in better eye.

3. Issuance of New Divyangjan ID cards / renewal of the existing Divyangjan ID cards for blindness should be done based on the revised definition of blindness, as above. A new concession certificate Proforma has been prepared for "Blindness" certification (Annexure - I). The issuance of new Divyangjan ID cards / renewal of the existing Divyangjan ID cards would continue to be done as per the existing procedure.

4. The "blindness" Railway Proforma certificate will be valid for (i) five years, in case of persons upto the age of 25 years, (ii) ten years, in case of persons in the age group of 26 to 35 years and (iii) in case of persons above the age of 35 years, the certificate will remain valid for whole life of the concerned persons. After expiry of the period of validity of the certificate, the person is required to obtain a fresh certificate. The validity of the Railway Divyangjan ID would be same as the "blindness" Railway Proforma certificate.

5. However, where applicant provides Unique Disability ID card (UDID)/ certificate issued in accordance with the instructions of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), for the issuance of Railway Divyangjan ID, instead of "blindness" Railway Proforma certificate, the validity of the Railway Divyangjan ID would be co-terminus with the validity of Unique Disability ID card (UDID)/ certificate. Only those Unique Disability ID card (UDID)/ certificate would be considered where the "Blindness" definition is same as defined by Railways in para 2 above or Visual impairment of 90% and above.

6. Concession certificates in Railway Proforma/Railway Divyangjan ID card already issued before 01.02.2025 for all the eligible 4 categories of PWD in pre revised format shall remain valid till its expiry period.

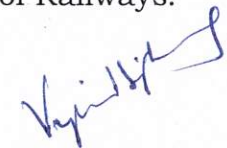
7. Revised concession certificate Proforma for Blindness & other eligible categories of Persons with Disabilities is enclosed herewith at annexure- I & II.

Above shall be implemented with effect from 01.02.2025.

There shall be no change in other Terms and conditions.

Necessary instruction may be issued to all concerned.

This is issued in concurrence with Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.



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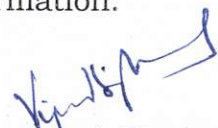
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Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. CEO & CRB, M(O&BD), Member Finance, Railway Board for information.
2. EDPG/MR, OSD/MR, JDPG/MOSR(S), office of MOSR(R) for information.
3. PED(Vig), PED(A), EDF(C), EDIP, DPM-II of Railway Board.
4. CMD, Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS), Chanakyapuri, near National Rail Museum, New Delhi for necessary Software changes.
5. CMD, IRCTC, 11th Floor, Statesmans House, B-148, Barakhambha Road, New Delhi-110 001.
6. MD/KRCL, Navi Mumbai.
7. PCCM/Northern Railway/New Delhi for arrangement of issue of correction slips to Coaching Tariff.
8. Secretary/Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for information.



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Encl.: Revised Railway concession certificate Proforma (2 pages).

Railway Concession Certificate for “Blindness”

Paste passport
Size Photograph
Duly signed and
Stamped by the
Issuing Doctor

This is to certify that Km/Shri/Smt. _____ whose particulars are furnished below is a bonafide person with disability “Blindness” as per definition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction (i.e. Persons having visual impairment of 90% and above)-

- I. Total absence of sight; or
- II. Visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 by Snellen’s chart in better eye with best possible corrections; or
- III. Limitation of field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree in better eye.

Particulars:

- a) Address: _____
- b) Father’s/Husband’s Name: _____
- c) Age: _____
- d) Sex: _____
- e) Nature of Handicap: (either of the above 3 categories): _____
- f) Signature or thumb impression
of the person seeking concession certificate: _____

(Signature of Government Doctor)

Place: _____

Date: _____

Clear seal of Government Hospital

Seal containing full name and
Registration Number of the Doctor

- (1) The certificate will be valid for (i) five years, in case of persons upto the age of 25 years, (ii) ten years, in case of persons in the age group of 26 to 35 years and (iii) in case of persons above the age of 35 years, the certificate will remain valid for whole life of the concerned persons. After expiry of the period of validity of the certificate, the person is required to obtain a fresh certificate.
- (2) The photo must be signed and stamped in such a way that doctor’s signature and stamp appears partly on the photo and partly on the certificate.
- (3) Photocopy of this certificate is accepted for the purpose of grant of concession across the counter. The original certificate will have to be produced for inspection at the time of purchase of concessional ticket and during the journey, if demanded.
- (4) No alternation in the form is permitted. **This form could be uploaded alongwith other required document on <https://divyangjanid.indianrail.gov.in/> for issuance of Divyangjan ID card, for booking of e-tickets also.** Railway Divyangjan ID card can also be prepared on the basis of UDID card/ certificate issued under instructions of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJE). The requirement of the above Railway certificate would be dispensed in such case. In this case, the validity of the Railway Divyangjan ID would be co-terminus with the validity of that Unique Disability ID card (UDID)/ certificate.

Concession Certificate for three categories of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Concession certificate form for Orthopaedically Handicapped/ Paraplegic (person/patients) /Mentally retarded person/Person with Hearing and Speech impairment totally (Both afflictions together in the same person)

Paste passport
size
Photograph
Duly signed and
Stamped by the
Issuing Doctor

This is to certify that Km/Shri/Smt. _____ whose particulars are furnished below is a bonafide:

- ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED / PARAPLEGIC (PERSON/ PATIENTS), WHO CANNOT TRAVEL WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ESCORT
- MENTALLY RETARDED PERSON WHO CANNOT TRAVEL WITHOUT AN ESCORT
- PERSON WITH HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRMENT TOTALLY (BOTH AFFLICTIONS TOGETHER IN THE SAME PERSON)*

Particulars:

a) Address: _____

b) Father's/Husband's Name: _____

c) Age: _____

d) Sex: _____

e) Nature of Handicap: (To be written by doctor whether the disability is temporary or permanent): _____

f) Signature or thumb impression of the person seeking concession (not necessary for those with both hands missing or non-functional): _____

(Signature of Government Doctor)

Place: _____

Date: _____

Clear seal of Government Hospital

Seal containing full name and
Registration Number of the Doctor

***Strike out where not applicable.**

1) The certificate should be issued only to those ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED/ PARAPLEGIC (PERSON/PATIENTS) WHO CANNOT TRAVEL WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ESCORT or MENTALLY RETARDED PERSON WHO CANNOT TRAVEL WITHOUT AN ESCORT or PERSON WITH HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRMENT TOTALLY (BOTH AFFLICTIONS TOGETHER IN THE SAME PERSON). The photo must be signed and stamped in such a way that doctor's signature and stamp appears partly on the photo and partly on the certificate.

2) For MENTALLY RETARDED PERSON WHO CANNOT TRAVEL WITHOUT AN ESCORT /PERSON WITH HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRMENT TOTALLY (BOTH AFFLICTIONS TOGETHER IN THE SAME PERSON), the certificate will be valid for five years from the date of issue. For temporary disability in the case of Orthopaedically/Paraplegic persons, the certificate will be valid for 5 years and in case of permanent disability, the certificate will remain valid for (i) five years, in case of persons upto the age of 25 years, (ii) ten years, in case of persons in the age group of 26 to 35 years and (iii) in case of persons above the age of 35 years, the certificate will remain valid for whole life of the concerned persons. After expiry of the period of validity of the certificate, the person is required to obtain a fresh certificate.

3) Photocopy of this certificate is accepted for the purpose of grant of concession across the counter. The original certificate will have to be produced for inspection at the time of purchase of concessional ticket and during the journey, if demanded.

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