

Basic Programme for Persons with Disabilities (Fourth) (Overview)

I About Basic Programme for Persons with Disabilities (Fourth)

(Status) Most basic program of the government's measures for persons with disabilities (prepared based on Article 11 of the Basic Act for Persons with Disabilities)

(Period of Program) Five years from fiscal 2018

(Process of deliberations) The government worked out the basic program based on opinions compiled by the Commission on Policy for Persons with Disabilities (a legally founded council of persons with disabilities and other members in the Cabinet Office) after deliberating for more than a year at the commission.

II Basic philosophy (Purpose of program)

Provide support so that persons with disabilities participate in all activities in society, based on their own decisions, and achieve self-actualization by exercising their capacity to the fullest extent toward the realization of an inclusive society.

III Basic direction

1. Promote earnest efforts to remove social barriers, using the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics as momentum

Take the improvement of accessibility^(*) into perspective in all social scenes

(*) Accessibility: Enabled access to facilities and equipment, services, information, institutions, etc.

Actively introduce ICT and other new technologies paying heed to accessibility

2. Respect the Philosophy of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and maintain compatibility with it

(*) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An agreement that Japan ratified in 2014 and that advocates voluntary participation by persons with disabilities and others as its philosophy.

Support participation by persons with disabilities in the process of deciding measures for persons with disabilities and decision making by them on their own

3. Steadily promote programs to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities

Steadily promote programs to establish environments for the elimination of discrimination against persons with disabilities in all sectors from the perspectives of both hardware and software to ensure the effectiveness of the Act for Elimination of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities

4. Upgrade achievement targets for steady and effective implementation

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IV Principal contents of Summary

Comprehensive and cross-sectional support focused on parties concerned

Conscientious support for women, children and elderly persons with disabilities paying heed to multiple difficulties, the characteristics of disabilities, etc.

Promotion of society-wide programs in cooperation with groups of persons with disabilities and economic organizations

Promotion of understanding of the importance of life, etc. and mental barrier-free programs for entire society

V Principal contents of each approach

1. Development of safe and secure living environments

Development of dwelling environments that ensure safe and secure life

- Promote the supply of rental housing that is intended for promotion of smooth move-in for persons requiring housing support

Development of mobility-supporting environments

- Make public transportation facilities barrier-free (platform doors, etc.)

Promotion of town building friendly to persons with disabilities

- Use of ICT to support pedestrians' movements

2. Improvement of accessibility to information and upgrading of support for communication

Expansion of information-communication, broadcasting, and publishing paying heed to persons with disabilities

- Establishment of telephone relay services for persons with hearing disabilities

Fostering of supporters for communication and promote use of the service

- Foster, secure, and dispatch sign language interpreters, braille transcribers, etc.

3. Promotion of disaster and crime prevention measures, etc.

Support paying heed to the characteristics of disabilities at time of disaster

- Secure welfare shelters and temporary housing usable by wheelchair users
- Non-phonetic 119 emergency reports and means of communication paying heed to the characteristics of disabilities at time of disaster

Promotion of anti-crime measures and prevention of consumer trouble

- Emergency 110 calls to police by email and other means, and consumer counselling paying heed to the characteristics of disabilities
- Ensure the safety system of facilities for persons with disabilities

4. Elimination of discrimination, promotion of rights advocacy, and prevention of abuse

Elimination of discrimination against persons with disabilities in all social scenes

- Further promotion of facilities and equipment, services, provision of information, etc. paying heed to persons with disabilities as well.
- Promote the establishment of regional support councils for eliminating discrimination against persons with disabilities.

Prevention of abuse of persons with disabilities and protect rights of persons with disabilities

- Protection of persons with disabilities from abuse by counselling and supporting experts, etc.

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5. Promotion of support for independent life and decision-making

Implementation of support for decision-making respecting decisions by persons themselves

Establishment of a system enabling counselling and support in the local community

- Counselling and support matching the kinds of disability, age, gender, etc.
- Promote peer support for persons with developmental disabilities, etc.

Support for a shift to life in the community

- Introduce “independent life support” services for living alone

Upgrading support for children with disabilities

- Comprehensive support for children with disabilities in need of medical care

Promotion of assistance dogs for persons with physical disabilities, welfare equipment, etc., and research and development

Upgrade welfare services for persons with disabilities, and foster and secure human resources for them.

6. Promotion of health and medical care

Early discharge of persons with mental disabilities from hospital, transfer to community and elimination of social hospitalization

- Support for persons with mental disabilities after discharge from hospital

Local medical care system

- Upgrade system enabling rehabilitation services in the local community

Promotion of research and development

- Development of equipment to support independence using cutting-edge technologies
- Research and development for treatment of intractable/rare diseases

7. Enrichment of consideration at government, etc.

Provision of reasonable accommodation in judicial proceedings, elections, etc.

- Upgrade provision of information elections, etc. matching the characteristics of disabilities

Provision of administrative information paying heed to accessibility

- Consideration at counters of administrative organs
- Consideration such as adoption of functionality available on websites from a keyboard and addition of captions or phonetic explanations to videos.

8. Support for employment, work, and economic independence

Comprehensive support for work

- Integrated support before and after employment and combined support for work and life
- Promote the employment of persons with mental disabilities and workshop retention through support of work retention

Securing of various employment opportunities

- Promote flexible work styles such as telework
- Improve and raise the quality of welfare-oriented work (wage hikes)
- Support for work in the agricultural sector

9. Promotion of education

Development of a mechanism enabling everyone to receive as much education as possible

- Upgrade special needs education at all special schools through the utilization of individual guidance plans and education support plans

Support for students with disabilities

- Establishment of support sections, fostering of supporters, and support for employment at all universities

Upgrading of various lifelong education activities for persons with disabilities

- Support for learning by persons with disabilities at each life stage

10. Promotion of cultural and art activities, sports, etc.

Participation in cultural and art activities by persons with disabilities

- Experience high-quality cultural and art works at special schools

Dissemination of sports for persons with disabilities, and fostering and reinforcement of athletes

- Foster and reinforce athletes for Paralympics, etc.

11. Promotion of cooperation and coordination in the international community

Promotion of measures for persons with disabilities under international cooperation

Promotion of international exchanges of persons with disabilities including culture, art and sports.

- Dissemination of Japan's various attractiveness including cultural and art works by persons with disabilities

Achievement Targets of Basic Programme for Persons with Disabilities (Fourth) (Overview)

(Development of safe and secure living environments)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Barrier-free ratio ^(note 1) at set passenger facilities	87.2% (Elimination of differences in level) (fiscal 2016)	Approx. 100% (same as left) (fiscal 2020)
Adoption ratio ^(note 2) of non-step buses	53.3% (fiscal 2016)	Approx. 70% (fiscal 2020)
Number of welfare taxis introduced	15,128 units (fiscal 2016)	Approx. 28,000 units (fiscal 2020)

(Note 1) The ratio of facilities clearing standards for smooth public transportation, etc., under the Act on Promotion of Smooth Transportation, etc. to all passenger facilities used by more than 3,000 people on average per day.

(Note 2) Vehicles certified as exempted from the application of standards for smooth public transportation, etc. were removed from the parameter.

(Improvement of accessibility to information and upgrading of support for communication)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Ratio of broadcasting hours of captioned programs to all programs under review	97.4% (NHK General) 99.5% (5 key commercial broadcasting networks) (fiscal 2016)	100% ^(Note3) (NHK General and 5 key commercial broadcasting networks) (fiscal 2022)

(Note 3) 100% after expanding daily length of broadcasting hours under review to 18 per day from 17

(Elimination of discrimination, promotion of rights advocacy, and prevention of abuse)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Formation ratio of regional support councils for eliminating discrimination against persons with disabilities	37.8% (general municipalities) (April 2017)	More than 70% (same as left) (fiscal 2022)

(Promotion of support for independent life and decision-making)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Establishment ratio of local councils to support persons with developmental disabilities	87% (prefectures and government-designated cities) (fiscal 2016)	100% (same as left) (fiscal 2022)
Number of municipalities and welfare blocs for persons with disabilities having support bases for community life ^(Note4)	37 municipalities and 9 blocs (April 2017)	All regions (fiscal 2022)

(Note 4) Bases in charge of functions to support habitation (counselling and emergency acceptance, etc.)

(Promotion of health and medical care)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Number of patients subjected to long-term hospitalization of more than one year in mental wards	Approx. 185,000 (fiscal 2014)	146,000 to 157,000 (fiscal 2022)
Establishment rate of linked hospitals for examination and treatment of intractable/rare diseases in prefectures	Development of new system to offer medical care, starting in April 2018	100% (fiscal 2022)

(Support for employment, work, and economic independence)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Number of persons with disabilities employed by companies larger than a set scale	496,000 (more than 50 workers) (June 2017)	585,000 (more than 43.5 workers) (fiscal 2022)
Priority for purchase of goods, etc. from facilities employing persons with disabilities	17.1 billion yen (fiscal 2016)	Increase from previous year (-fiscal 2022)

(Promotion of education)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Ratio of children, for whom individual guidance plans have been actually prepared, among children, etc. in need of individual guidance plans, etc.	81.9% (guidance plans) 75.7% (education support plans) (fiscal 2016)	Roughly 100% (fiscal 2022)
Ratio of universities, etc. developing employers and providing support for job-hunting activities for enrolled students with disabilities.	21% (fiscal 2016)	Roughly 100% (fiscal 2022)

(Promotion of cultural and art activities, sports, etc.)

Index	Current figure (latest figure)	(Target figure)
Rate of persons with disabilities playing sports once or more per week	19.2% (adults) 31.5% (children and young adults) (fiscal 2015)	Approx. 40% (adults) Approx. 50% (children and young adults) (fiscal 2021)
Number of gold medals at Paralympic Games	None (Summer Games) (2016) 3 (Winter Games) (2018)	Record Number of gold medals (Summer Games in 2020, Winter Games in 2022)