



Social Rights

Article 24 Education

- Ensure equal exercise of the right to education, including kindergarten, primary and secondary education, general tertiary education, vocational training, adult education and lifelong learning, etc;
- Ensure that, on the basis of individual's requirements, they are provided the chance of learning sign language, Braille, other augmentative and alternative formats of communication, with orientation and mobility skills.



Article 25 Health

- Provide them with the same range, quality and standard of free or affordable health care and programmes, as provided to other persons;
- Provide them with those health services needed by them specifically because of their disabilities, including early identification, intervention and services designed to minimize and prevent further disabilities;
- Provide them with health insurance and life insurance in a fair and reasonable manner.



Cultural Rights

Article 30 Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

- Ensure that they enjoy access to all places for cultural performances or services;
- They have the right to organize and participate in various types of cultural, recreational and sporting activities.



Other Rights

Article 9 Accessibility

- Ensure that accessible environment are provided to them, including accessible buildings, roads, transportation and other indoor facilities;
- Ensure that accessible information, communications and other services are provided to them, including electronic services and emergency services.

Article 10 Right to life

- Ensure that they enjoy the inherent right to life on an equal basis with others.

Article 14 Liberty and security of person

- Ensure that they enjoy the right to liberty and security of person on an equal basis with others;
- Ensure that they are not deprived of their liberty unlawfully or arbitrarily.



Article 17

Protecting the integrity of the person

- Persons with disabilities have the right to respect for their physical and mental integrity on an equal basis with others.

Article 20 Personal mobility

- They can enjoy the personal mobility in the manner and at the time of their choice, and at affordable cost;
- They can access to quality mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies.

Article 28

Adequate standard of living and social protection

- Ensure that they have an adequate standard of living, including adequate food, clothing or housing, etc;
- Ensure that they enjoy the right to social protection without discrimination on the basis of disability, including access to appropriate and affordable services with devices, poverty reduction programmes, public housing programmes, retirement benefits and programmes.

The contents herein are extracted from the "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". You may read the full version of the Convention in the website of Social Welfare Bureau (<http://www.ias.gov.mo>).



CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



“Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities” entered into force for People’s Republic of China, including Macau Special Administrative Region, since 31 August 2008.

In accordance with the **Convention** above, persons with disabilities are those persons who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments.

Purpose

To promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and for them to be able to participate and integrate into society on an equal basis with others, under the premise of respect without any discrimination.

General Principles

- Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one’s own choices, and independence of persons;
- Non-discrimination;
- Full and effective participation and inclusion in society;
- Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity;
- Equality of opportunity;
- Accessibility;
- Equality between men and women;
- Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.

Rights

Persons with disabilities are able to exercise their civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights and others, in the main:

Civil Rights

Article 5 Equality and non-discrimination

- All persons are equal before and under the law. Persons with disabilities are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law.

Article 19 Being independently and being included in the community

- They have the right to choose their place of residence and where and with whom they live;
- They have access to a range of in-home, residential and other community support services, including essential personal assistance;
- They have the right to enjoy public community services and facilities.

Article 21 Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information

- They can exercise the right to freedom of expression and opinion, including the freedom to receive information through all forms of communication.



Article 22 Respect for privacy

- Family, home, correspondence, personal, health or rehabilitation information of persons with disabilities shall be protected and not be disclosed;
- Prevent unlawful attacks on his or her honour and reputation.

Article 23 Respect for home and the family

- They can exercise the freedom of marriage and family founding;
- They can decide freely on matters such as the number and spacing of children.



Political Rights

Article 18 Liberty of movement and nationality

- They have the right to acquire and change a nationality;
- They have the right to obtain documentation of their nationality or other documentation of identification;
- They are free to leave or enter any country on an equal basis with others.

Article 29 Participation in political and public life

- They have the right and opportunity to vote and be elected;
- They can participate in political and public life through freely chosen representatives;
- They can participate in the activities and administration of political parties;
- They can form and join organizations of persons with disabilities to represent persons with disabilities at international, national, regional and local levels.



Economic Rights

Article 12 Equal recognition before the law

- Promote appropriate and effective measures to ensure that they enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others in all aspects of life;
- Promote appropriate and effective measures to ensure that they own or inherit property, control their own financial affairs and have equal access to bank loans, mortgages and other forms of financial credit;
- To promote appropriate and effective measures to ensure that they are not arbitrarily deprived of their property.

Article 27 Work and employment

- They can choose and accept work freely, cannot be held in slavery or compulsory labour in addition ;
- They have the right to equal opportunities and equal remuneration for work of equal value with others;
- They can exercise the right to get a range of placement services and vocational and continuing training.

