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This law will create the Personal Budget Assistance Scheme (PBAS) Board, which is explained later on.



This new law will add a new part to the Maltese law called the UNCRPD law.

UNCRPD is a short title that means United Nations Convention (Agreement) on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The UNCRPD is an agreement that was made when all the countries around the world (that are all part of a group called the United Nations) agreed on the most important rights that persons with disability should have.

The UNCRPD law is a Maltese law that makes sure that these rights can be enjoyed in Malta, and which says who should be responsible for making sure of this.





This new law will change the UNCRPD law, to create a new board called the Personal Budget Assistance Scheme Board (PBAS Board).

A board is a group of people who discuss among themselves and with you, to be able to decide about certain things.



If you are a person with disability, you can ask the Board for money so that you can pay for things that will make you more independent.

Being independent means that you can make decisions about your life, for example, about what to eat and where to live.



Requests to the Board can include requests so that persons with disability receive money from the Government to pay for personal assistants.

Personal assistants are persons who support persons with disability in doing everyday activities.



The Minister for Disability will choose the members of this board, after speaking to the Director for Disability.

The Director is the person who leads the Government department that is responsible for making sure that the UNCRPD law works.



The board will be made up of:

- the leader, called a Chairperson
- the person who helps the leader, called a Deputy Chairperson
- an occupational therapist
- a social worker
- a physiotherapist
- one other member
- a person to take notes, called a secretary



The Chairperson will be a person with disability who uses personal assistance services.



The Deputy Chairperson will be a person with disability, or a family member of a person with disability.



An occupational therapist is someone who helps people do everyday activities more easily and safely.



A social worker is someone who helps people solve problems in their lives and feel better.



A physiotherapist is a person who helps people who have problems with moving their body, for example, because of having been hurt, or because of a disability.



One other member, who will be a person with disability, or a family member of a person with disability.



A person who will take notes during the meeting.

This person is called a secretary.



The Board will look at your application.

The Board can ask you to give them information that shows why you need the money.

The Board can also choose to ask other persons, such as doctors who know you, for more information.

Aġenzija Sapport can give advice to the Board on whether or not your application is urgent.



The Board will decide whether to give you the money or not



The Board should make a decision quickly.



If the Board decides not to give you the money, you can write to the Director for Disability.

You have 20 days to write to the Director.

The Director will ask a different group of people to look at your application.

This group is called an Appeals Board, and is made up of:



- the leader, called a Chairperson
- the person who helps the leader, called a Deputy Chairperson
- an occupational therapist
- a social worker
- a physiotherapist
- one other member
- a person to take notes, called a secretary

An appeal means that you submit an application again so it is considered by a different group of persons.

The Appeals Board will decide whether you should get the money or not.



The people on the Appeals Board cannot be the same people who would have decided on your request.

For example, the social worker on the Appeals Board must be different from the social worker on the PBAS Board.



You can also go to the Courts of Justice if the Appeals Board does not decide in favour of your request.

You will have to pay money to make a request to the Courts, but if the Courts decide in your favour, you would get this money back.

Every year, the Board must send this information to the Minister for Disability and to Aġenzija Support:



A list describing the work that was done.



How much money was used.



How much money is left.

How to take part in the public consultation

A. You can complete these Questionnaires using the following links:

In English – by clicking on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5TKB9LL>

In Maltese – by clicking on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9Z7W6DM>

B. ALTERNATIVELY, you can send your comments by Email to: disability.consultation.miv@gov.mt

C. OR you can send your comments by Post to: **Gregory Ellul, Directorate for Disability Issues, Ministry for Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, 12, Marsa Central, Level 1, Il-Moll tal-Ħatab, Marsa MRS 1442**

All comments must be sent by **Friday 20 February 2026, by midnight**