

# THE REHABILITATION PROCESS FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES IN JAPAN

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Rehabilitation Hospital (Medical Rehabilitation)

Physical Therapy  
Occupational Therapy  
Speech Therapy and Auditory Training  
Remedial Gymnastics and Rehabilitation Sports  
Fitting of orthoses or prostheses  
Low Vision Training



Rehabilitation Center (Social Rehabilitation, Pre-vocational Rehabilitation)

Training course for Independent Living  
Pre-vocational Rehabilitation



Vocational Rehabilitation Center (Vocational Rehabilitation)



Ordinary Job    Special subsidiary    Sheltered workshop    Return to home

## Table 1 Major National Laws Related to Persons with Disabilities in Japan

- \* Child Welfare Law (1947)
- \* School Education Law (1947)
- \* Workmen's Accident Compensation Insurance Law (1947)
- \* Law for the Welfare of Physically Disabled Persons (1949)
- \* Daily Life Security Law (1950)
- \* Mental Hygiene Law (1950)
  - >Mental Health Law (amended in 1987)
  - >Law on Mental Health and Welfare for Mentally Disabled Persons (amended in 1995)
- \* Public Housing Law (1951)
- \* Social Welfare Services Law (1951)
  - >Social Welfare Law (amended in 2000)
- \* Law for Encouragement of School Attendance at Special Schools for Blind Persons, Deaf Persons, Physically Disabled Persons and Mentally Retarded Persons (1954)
- \* Employees' Pension Law (1954)
- \* National Pension Law (1959)
- \* Law for the Welfare of Mentally Retarded Persons (1960)
  - > Law for the Welfare of Intellectually Disabled Persons (1999)
- \* Law for Employment Promotion of the Physically Disabled (1960)
  - >Law for Employment Promotion, etc. of the Disabled Persons (1987)
- \* Law for Relief of War Victims and Survivors (1963)
- \* Special Child Rearing Allowance Law (1964)
- \* Maternal and Child Health Law (1965)
- \* Employment Countermeasures Law (1966)
- \* Human Resources Development Promotion Law (1969)
- \* Fundamental Law for Countermeasures Concerning Mentally and Physically Disabled Persons (1970) -> Disabled Persons' Fundamental Law (amended in 1993)
- \* Employment Insurance Law (1974)
- \* Telecommunication Service Law (1984)
- \* Consumption Tax Law (1988)
- \* Law for Promoting Businesses that Facilitate the Use of Communications and Broadcast Services by the Physically Disabled Persons (1993)
- \* Law for Buildings Accessible to and Usable by the Elderly and Physically Disabled Persons (1994)
- \* Long-term Care insurance Law (1997)
- \* Law for Promoting Easily Accessible Public Transportation Infrastructure for the Aged and the Disabled (2000)
- \* Law for Promoting Assist Dogs for Persons with Physical Disabilities (2002)
- \* Law for Supporting Persons with Developmental Disabilities (2004)
- \* Law for Supporting Independence of Persons with disabilities (2005)
- \* Law for Promoting Easily Mobility for the Aged and the Disabled (2006)

**Table 2. List of Grades of Physical Disability**

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
Visual Impairment	Visual acuity less than 0.01 with correction on International Vision Test Chart	1. Visual acuity less than 0.04 (bilateral) 2. Visual field diameter 10 or less of both eyes and binocular visual field loss more than 95% than 90%	1. Visual acuity less than 0.08 (bilateral) 2. Visual field diameter 10 or less of both eyes and binocular visual field loss more
Hearing Impairment		More than 100 dB in each ear	More than 90 dB in each
Para-equilibrium		Difficulty of gait	
Voice, Speech and Language Disorders			No voice, no speech or no language
Upper Limb Impairment	1. Total function loss, bilateral 2. Amputation above wrist,	1. Severe function loss, bilateral 2. Amputation of five fingers, bilateral 3. Amputation above half length of humerus, unilateral 4. Total function loss, unilateral	1. Amputation of thumb and index finger, bilateral 2. Complete function loss of thumb & index finger, bilateral 3. Severe function loss, unilateral 4. Amputation of five fingers, unilateral 5. Complete function loss of five fingers, unilateral
Lower Limb Impairment	1. Total function loss, bilateral 2. Amputation above half length	1. Severe function loss, bilateral 2. Amputation above half length of thigh, bilateral of tibia, bilateral	1. Amputation above Chopart joint, bilateral 2. Amputation above half length of thigh, unilateral 3. Complete function loss, unilateral
Bodily Dysfunction	No sitting balance	1. Difficulty of sitting or standing position 2. Difficulty of standing up movement	Difficulty of 100 m gait
Cardiac Disorders	Limitation of daily living (living on bed)		Limitation of daily living (in-door living)
Renal Disorders	Limitation of daily living (living on bed)		Limitation of daily living (in-door living)
Respiratory Disorders	Limitation of daily living (living on bed)		Limitation of daily living (in-door living)
Bladder or Rectal Disorders	Limitation of daily living (living on bed)		Limitation of daily living (in-door living)
Small Intestinal Disorders	Limitation of daily living (living on bed)		Limitation of daily living (in-door living)
Immuno-deficiency by HIV	Severe Limitation of daily living	Limitation of daily living (living on bed)	Limitation of daily living (in-door living)

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7
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1. Visual acuity less than 0.12 (bilateral) 2. Visual field diameter 10 or less of both eyes	1. Visual acuity less than 0.2 (bilateral) 2. Visual field defect more than 50%	Visual acuity less than 0.2 (bilateral), acuity of worse eye less than 0.02 and acuity of better eye less than 0.6	
1. More than 80 dB in each ear 2. Less than 50% on hearing intelligibility		1. More than 70 dB in each ear 2. One ear more than 90 dB, the other more than 50 dB	
Difficulty of voicing, speech or language mask	Difficulty of gait under eye		
1. Amputation of thumb, bilateral 2. Complete function loss of thumb, bilateral 3. Complete function loss of one of shoulder, elbow or wrist joint, unilateral 4. Amputation of thumb or index finger, unilateral 5. Complete function loss of thumb and index finger, unilateral 6. Amputation of three fingers including thumb or index finger, unilateral 7. Complete function loss of three fingers including 8. Severe function loss of four fingers including	1. Severe function loss of thumb, bilateral 2. Severe function loss of one of shoulder, elbow or wrist joint, unilateral 3. Amputation of thumb, unilateral 4. Complete function loss of thumb, unilateral 5. Severe function loss of thumb and index finger, unilateral 6. Severe function loss of three finger including thumb or index finger, unilateral	1. Severe function loss of thumb, unilateral 2. Amputation of two fingers including index finger, unilateral 3. Complete function loss of two fingers including index finger, unilateral	1. Mild function loss, unilateral 2. Mild function loss of one of shoulder, elbow or wrist joint, unilateral 3. Mild function loss of hand and fingers, unilateral 4. Severe function loss of two fingers including index finger, unilateral 5. Amputation of middle, third and little fingers, unilateral 6. Complete function loss of middle, third and little fingers, unilateral
1. Amputation of five toes, bilateral 2. Complete function loss of five toes, bilateral 3. Amputation above half length of tibia, unilateral 4. Severe function loss, unilateral 5. Complete function loss of hip or knee joint, unilateral 6. Abnormally shortness of one leg more than 10cm or 10%, unilateral	1. Severe functions loss of hip or knee joint, unilateral 2. Complete function loss of ankle, unilateral 3. Abnormally shortness of one leg more than 5cm or 6.7%,	1. Amputation above Lisfranc joint, unilateral 2. Severe function loss of ankle unilateral	1. Severe function loss of five toes, bilateral 2. Mild function loss, unilateral 3. Mild function loss of one of hip, knee or wrist joint, unilateral 4. Amputation of five toes, unilateral 5. Complete function loss of five toes, unilateral 6. Abnormality shortness of one leg more than 3cm or 5%, unilateral
	Difficulty of 200m gait		
Limitation of out-door activities	(Notes) 1. In case a person has two impairments listed in the same grade, his grade is to be one grade severer, except that two impairments are specifically described as double 2. In the categories of upper and lower limb, the person who has two impairments in grade 7 is considered as grade 6. 3. In case a person has two impairments in different grades, his grade is to be decided. 4. "Amputation of finger" means amputation above IP joint of thumb, and above PIP joint of other fingers. 5. "Function loss of finger" means the impairment below MP joint, and in case of thumb, opponent motion is included. 6. The length of amputated stump is the practical length measured from underarm in upper limb, and from sciatic tuberosus in lower limb. 7. The length of lower limb is to be measured from spine iliaca anterior superior to medical maleolus.		
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