

# *The Rehabilitation Act*

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Chapter R-17 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1978* (effective February 26, 1979) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1979-80, c.M-32.01; 1980-81, c.77; 1983, c.77; 1983-84, c.54; 1989-90, c.5; and 2004, c.65.*

## **NOTE:**

**This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.**

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## CHAPTER R-17

### An Act respecting the Rehabilitation of Certain Persons

#### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Rehabilitation Act*.

#### Interpretation

2 In this Act:

- (a) “**designated group**” means any group, organization or body of persons declared by the minister pursuant to this Act to be in need of rehabilitation services;
- (b) “**disabled person**” means a person who has an employment handicap or a person who is eligible for rehabilitation services under the terms of an agreement entered into pursuant to section 4;
- (c) “**employment handicap**” means a physical or mental condition that constitutes, contributes to or if not corrected will probably result in an obstruction of occupational performance;
- (d) “**minister**” means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;
- (e) “**municipality**” means a city, town, village, rural municipality or northern municipality;
- (f) “**occupation**” includes any trade, calling, vocation or profession;
- (g) “**occupational training**” includes manual, pre-vocational, vocational and supplementary training and training for the purpose of developing broader and more remunerative skill and capacity;
- (h) “**prosthetic appliance**” includes any artificial device necessary to support or take the place of a part of the body or to increase the efficiency of a sense organ.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.2; 1983, c.77, s.66; 2004, c.65, s.28.

#### Rehabilitation services

3 The minister may provide for the furnishing of such services as he may deem necessary for the rehabilitation of any disabled person or designated group upon such terms and conditions as he deems fit and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may provide, or assist such person or designated group by way of grant, loan or otherwise in the obtainment of, the following:

- (a) occupational diagnosis, guidance and advice, occupational training and occupational training facilities, transportation and maintenance;
- (b) occupational tools, books, material, equipment and other personal property deemed necessary for rehabilitation purposes;
- (c) a licence or permit authorizing the holder to engage in an occupation, where required by any Act and subject to compliance therewith;

(d) medical or psychiatric examination, diagnosis and advice; medical, psychiatric, dental and surgical treatment and care; nursing and hospital care, foster home care, convalescent home care, drugs, medical and surgical supplies and prosthetic appliances;

(e) such other things or services as the minister deems necessary for the better carrying out of the intent of this Act.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.3.

**Power to enter into agreements**

4 Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the minister may, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, enter into an agreement or arrangement with the Government of Canada or of any province of Canada, or a municipality, or any two or more of them, for the purpose of providing for the rehabilitation of disabled persons or designated groups or both.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.4; 1979-80, c.M-32.01, s.55.

**Additional powers of minister**

5 Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the minister may:

(a) declare any group, organization or body of persons to be in need of rehabilitation services;

(b) make grants to any organization, corporation or other body that has for its object the rehabilitation of disabled persons or designated groups or both;

(c) purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any real property that the minister deems necessary for the purpose of exercising any of his powers under this Act;

(d) sell, lease, exchange or otherwise deal with real property so acquired upon such terms and conditions as he deems advisable;

(e) establish, construct or acquire and maintain and operate a school for the rehabilitation of disabled persons or designated groups;

(f) plan, develop, operate and manage any project or enterprise for the rehabilitation of disabled persons or designated groups;

(g) provide for such other matters as he deems advisable for the rehabilitation of disabled persons or designated groups or both.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.5; 1983-84, c.54, s.18.

**Personal property**

6 The minister may purchase or otherwise acquire any personal property that he deems necessary for the purpose of exercising any of his powers under this Act and may sell, exchange, rent, lend or otherwise deal with such personal property.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.6.

**Recovery of cost of services in certain cases**

7 Without derogating from any other rights and remedies of the minister, the minister may recover from a recipient of any services under or pursuant to this Act, or from the estate of a deceased recipient, as a debt due to the Crown, the cost of any things or services obtained by misrepresentation or fraud.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.7.

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**Municipalities empowered to enter into agreements**

8(1) Notwithstanding anything in any other Act, a municipality may enter into an agreement or arrangement mentioned in section 4 and may do all acts or things necessary for or incidental to the carrying into effect of any such agreement or arrangement.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be deemed to dispense with the submission of any bylaw to a vote of the burgesses where such submission is required by the appropriate municipal Act, nor with the approval of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board where such approval is required by any Act.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.8; 1979-80, c.M-32.01,  
s.55; 1989-90, c.5, s.10.

**Expenses**

9 All sums required for the purposes of this Act may be paid from moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.9.

**Regulations**

10(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make such regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, as are deemed advisable for the proper administration of this Act and for regulating the expenditures to be made thereunder, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing the conditions of eligibility of applicants for services under this Act;
- (b) prescribing the form of application for services under this Act and the time, manner and place of making such application;
- (c) prescribing the information to be submitted by an applicant and providing for the investigation into any application and into the eligibility of an applicant and for the determination of questions respecting eligibility;
- (d) governing the manner in which information and records of a confidential nature obtained from an applicant are to be kept;
- (e) classifying applicants and prescribing the kind or kinds of services that may be granted to an applicant in any classification and the extent of such services;
- (f) providing for such other matters and things as may be deemed desirable for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act according to their true intent.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, in the regulations, delegate any of the powers set out in clauses (1)(a) to (f) to the minister, to any official of the Department of Community Resources and Employment or to a committee appointed to carry out any responsibilities in administering any program respecting the rehabilitation of disabled persons.

R.S.S. 1978, c.R-17, s.10; 1980-81, c.77, s.2;  
2004, c.65, s.28.

