



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

DEPUTY MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE



DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION  
OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

1430 NICOSIA

## **MOBILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH THALASSEMIA**

### **A. Aim**

1. The aim of the Scheme is to provide financial aid to patients diagnosed with thalassemia, regardless of their income, who receive regular blood transfusions, in order for them to cover part of their commute expenses to and from the Public Hospital Thalassemia Centre, so that they can participate in society on an equal basis with every other citizen without such health condition.

### **B. Beneficiaries:**

2. Beneficiaries are Cypriot citizens with thalassemia, European citizens with a permanent residence in the area controlled by the Republic of Cyprus for at least 12 consecutive months, and individuals with a recognised refugee status or subsidiary protection status according to the Refugee Laws.
3. "Individual with Thalassemia" for the purposes of this Scheme is any individual who is certified by the Public Hospital Thalassemia Centers to be included in regular blood transfusion program.
4. Individuals with thalassemia who are compensated for their mobility expenses for commuting to and from the Public Hospital Thalassemia Centres by any other state sources are exempted.
5. A person ceases to be beneficiary when he/she does not meet the conditions and/or criteria of the scheme, and in particular:
  - a) When, for any given reason, stops receiving blood transfusions at the Public Hospital Thalassemia Centres;
  - b) When they no longer permanently reside in the areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus;
  - c) Upon their decease.

### **C. Allowance Amount**

6. Beneficiaries who have their permanent residence within the jurisdiction of a Municipality Council are entitled to €75 per month, whereas beneficiaries with their permanent residence within the jurisdiction of a Community Council are entitled to the amount of €150 per month.

#### **D. Submission of Application**

7. The application should be submitted to the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities, by completing the standard form, together with the relevant certificates.
8. The date of entry into force of the allowance for the beneficiary shall be the date upon which the application together with all the requested certificates is received by the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities.

#### **E. Examination of Applications**

9. The approval for the provision of the allowance shall be given by the Director of the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities or by another authorised Officer of the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities.
10. The relevant medical certificate from the Public Hospital Thalassemia Centres must be submitted together with the application form. The Department will confirm frequently in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the continuation of the blood transfusion treatment.
11. The Department for Social Inclusions of Persons with Disabilities reserves the right to call applicants for a disability assessment. The disability assessment and certification is conducted at its Disability Assessment Centres and the assessment and certification of disability proceeds in accordance to the given time regulations concerning the operation of the Disability Assessment Centres of the Department.
12. When the Director or their authorised Representative Officer does not approve the submission of the Allowance to an applicant or decides the termination of the Allowance to a receiver, the latter are informed in due time via a letter in which explanations for the denial or termination of the Allowance are provided as well as information about their right to object to the decision and ask for a re-examination of their application.