

Rules for assistance with a social services in Grindavík

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The purpose of an assistance is to provide personal support and help that is primarily aimed at breaking social isolation e.g. help with enjoying culture and social life.

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People with disabilities have a right to assistance according to 2. gr. act of The affair of people with disabilities nr. 59/1992, that are living outside the institution or community residence for the disabled . Assistance is based on primary school age up to 67 years old. Necessary is to have a legal domicile in Grindavík.

3. gr.

The application should be submitted on a special form, that is signed by an applicant himself, his guardians or spokesperson stating the applicant's request for the number of hours and arrangements for the assistance. Confirmation of the diagnosis from the Greiningar- og ráðgjafarstöð ríkisins or other specialists as appropriate have to be included.

4. gr.

Grindavík's social services employees have the authority of the Social Affairs Council to process applications about assistance according to rules. The need for services is based on the person's social status, connection with other people, applicant's disability, parent's need for support and whether the applicant can make appropriate use of other social resources. Assistance can be a maximum of 20 hours in a month.

5. gr.

The assistance is granted of maximum one year at a time. An application for an assistance must be renewed and that needs to be done a.m. month before the agreed period expires. If no application for renewal is received, the service will be cancelled without further warning.

6. gr.

Employers must be 18 years or older. A close relatives can not be hired to provide the assistance, unless a care of the service recipient is so specific, that it is not possible to hire a provider with adequate specialized knowledge in his/ hers affairs.

7. gr.

Employer signs under the obligation to observe secrecy while hiring. He is bound secrecy to everything that is connected to his work, to assistance, to meetings that are held by social services, that are connected to his client and his family. Professional secrecy remains even when the employer resigns. When hiring, employer must be authorized to obtain information about the criminal record.

8. gr.

A written agreement shall be made with the employer about each individual, which includes a contract period, monthly work obligations, organization of work. Employers receive their salary from Grindavíkurbær according to wage rates of Starfsmannafélags Suðurnesja and launaneftdar sveitafélaga. Employer is not allowed to receive gifts, benefits and other benefits from a service user.

9. gr.

In addition to the salary employer receives paid expenses and driving allowance to a certain point, that the Social Affairs Council is deciding about each year. Employer needs to keep a record of an hours that he provides in assistance and the service user or his guardian must sign for that time on a form made for that purpose at the end of each meeting. If the provider is called on a meeting from social services, the time is deducted from the time he provides a service.

10. gr.

An employer must submit his time before the 24th of each month to get a salary paid in the beginning of the following month. If it is delayed it will not be paid out until the next month.

11. gr.

The procedure according to this rules is in accordance with the provisions 16. chapter act nr. 40/1991 about municipal social services.

12. gr.

If the result is unfavorable to the applicant, it shall be explained and reasoned in writing and the applicant informed about his/her rights to appeal and time period to appeal. A decision of rejecting an application can be appealed to félagsmálaráð in Grindavík. It shall be made in writing and not later than four weeks after the person became aware of the decision. Decision of félagsmálaráð can be appealed to úrskurðarnefndar félagsþjónustu and húsnæðismála (Appellate Committee for Social Services and Housing) in three months period from time when the person became aware of the decision.

These rules were approved by félagsmálaráð, 1st of June 2011 and by town council of Grindavík 27th of October 2011.