

Media release No.: LAE/2025/33

2025.03.31

Local Authorities Election – -06th May 2025

Application by Physically Disabled Persons for Special Transport Facility

Any person who is unable to travel to the polling station on foot or by a service provided by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board or by a Regional Transport Board or by Sri Lanka Government Railways or by any public transport, by reason of any physical disability, may apply in writing to the Returning Officer of the District under Section 82G (4)(d) of the Act, by himself or on his behalf by any other person, not being a candidate, to use any vehicle for the purpose of such conveyance.

02. Application forms for this facility can be obtained from the District Elections Office, Divisional Secretariat, Grama Niladhari Office in the area of the relevant Local Authority or www.elections.gov.lk website. It is required under the law that the application for this facility should be sent to reach the Returning Officer (Local Authority) seven days, before the date of poll i.e. before 29th April 2025. If the Returning Officer is satisfied, he will issue a permit to the person to use special transport facility.

03. It will enable the Returning Officer to take a decision easily, if the application is accompanied with a medical certificate obtained from a Registered Medical Practitioner (Western or Indigenous) confirming that the applicant is unable to travel by foot or by public transport to the polling station. When a request is made by such person to a Government Medical Officer, Registered or Assistant Medical Practitioner to examine the applicant and issue a Medical Certificate, such certificate should be able issued free of charge. Name and the registration number of the Medical Practitioner should be stated in the medical certificate when it is issued by a Private Medical Practitioner (Western or Indigenous).

04. If the individual holds a Temporary Disabled Identity Card valid for 10 years, issued by the Election Commission for persons with disabilities, a photocopy of such identity card, in place of a medical report, is sufficient to confirm the physical disability.



Saman Sri Rathnayaka
Commissioner General of Election