



TAX BENEFITS FOR DISABILITIES

With the passage of time come aches and pains. Many people discover that these ailments can qualify them for disability benefits when it comes to tax time. 60% or greater disability entitles a taxpayer to fiscal benefits. The advantages are numerous and, although reduced for many from the past, can still be quite significant.

These and other benefits work as follows:

BENEFITS FOR THE DISABLED

Taxable income from categories from salaries and pensions	reduced by 10%
Personal Credit for the Disabled	+ 60%
Home care support for $\geq 90\%$ disability	€1 900
Pensions: 10% or an upper limit of:	€2 500
Disabled dependent; disabled elderly dependents; care expenses	$>60\% = \text{€}712.50$
30% of education and rehabilitation expenses for disabled family members	unlimited
25% of life, accident premiums and pension contributions for disabled	up to 15% of taxable income



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

I believe that I may qualify for disability status for tax benefits but I don't have all of the documentation to substantiate my condition(s). What should I do?

You must be prepared to complete a lengthy bureaucratic process in order to qualify:

- 1) Obtain letter and medical report from your family doctor.
- 2) At the local Health Centre (*Centro de Saude*), request a review by the Medical Board (*Junta Médica*). The Disability Declaration will serve as proof of the disability.
- 3) If the Disability Declaration has not as yet been obtained at the time of submission of the IRS Tax Return, a second tax return may be presented when the Certificate is available.

Are there any other benefits other than those mentioned above?

Yes. There are tax breaks when buying new cars. However, these are conceded at the time of vehicle importation into Portugal, not on the showroom floor. Professional guidance is advisable.