



BROCHURE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SINGLE PARENT AND ONE-PARENT FAMILIES

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FOREWORD

Dear reader,

We are honored that it is YOU who opens this brochure and is determined to learn more about the legal rights, those that are yours, but also to learn how to fight for what you think is not enough, that it is not fair (believe it or not, there are many such things) or it is not right.

In order to inform you of your rights to social protection, education, and free legal and psychological assistance, we, as children from single-parent and families with one parent, created this brochure. We sincerely hope that you will pay attention so that you can learn what your legal rights are.

During the workshops, we had the opportunity to meet many young people with family diversity, but also those from traditional families who wanted to learn something more, so that they could pass it on to their peers, parents, and relatives, as well as the representatives of associations and foundations who came to ask us what they want to know in order to pass it on to their colleagues.

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INTRODUCTION

"Youth of Diverse Families" is a voluntary, professional, non-profit organization for young people, with a mission to promote gender equality and sensitivity, as well as the rights of young people, with an emphasis on children and youth from single and one-parent families. The vision of the organization is a contribution to the strengthening of youth capacities and the inclusion of young people from socially marginalized groups in public life and youth policies.

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DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS

Family (according to the Child Protection Law) consists of married or cohabiting partners, a single parent, children born in wedlock, out of wedlock, or adopted, stepchildren, grandchildren without parents, who are under the protection of their grandparents, and minors (if they have no parents and are without means of subsistence) constituting a community of living, managing and spending.

A single-family, i.e. a single parent, is a parent who alone exercises parental rights and duties for the child, i.e. the children, due to the fact that the other parent is unknown, deceased, missing, in prison for more than 3 years or for justified reasons temporarily or permanently does not perform their parental rights and responsibilities.

Single parents, in accordance with the Law on Social Protection, are visible in Macedonian laws ("Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia" No. 104/2019), Article 4, Paragraph 4, i.e. in the glossary section of the aforementioned law.

A one-parent family is defined as a family consisting of one parent who lives without a partner and who takes care of the development and upbringing of his/her child/children (for example, divorced parents and unmarried parents). One-parent families are not precisely defined by the legal system in the Republic of North Macedonia, but there is a tendency of using this term in practice and in public life and expression, through institutional and everyday form by the competent institutions, employed in the field of social protection, representatives from different professional areas, civil organizations and individuals. If this definition was accepted, it would be easier for identification at border crossings, college admissions, taking photos for ID, just general-accepted utility. The best example from the region is the Republic of Croatia, which was the first country in the Western Balkans to implement such a legal definition.

A household in the sense of the Child Protection Law is a one-member household or community of family members, as well as other relatives between whom there is no legal obligation for mutual support, who live together, contribute, manage, and spend.

WHY WAS THIS BROCHURE CREATED AND WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

The brochure is primarily intended for children and young people from single and one-parent families, their parents, siblings, and close family members.

The brochure is of great importance for all public and private institutions, employees in the public and private sector, then for governmental and non-governmental civil organizations, as well as for all teachers, professors, educators, social workers, pedagogues, psychologists, youth workers, human rights, activists, but also for every individual or group of citizens who want to support the young people of single parents and one-parent families.

The brochure contains all the rights and opportunities of children and young people from single and one-parent families that are prescribed by law and rulebooks in the Republic of North Macedonia, until the day of publication of this brochure and its official use.

When using the rights and services listed below, in accordance with Article 23 of the Law on Youth Participation and Youth Policies (Official Gazette of RSM, no. 10/20), the term **youth officer** is mentioned. Youth officers are at your disposal in all state and local government bodies.

In order to have easier access to information that is of interest to young people and youth issues, as well as efficient, clear, and quick answers, we recommend that you contacting the youth officer, when requesting a certain right and obligation in accordance with the laws.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND PROTECTION

ONE-TIME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A one-time financial assistance or assistance in kind is granted to a person or a family who found themselves in a state of social risk, as well as to a person and family due to a natural disaster or epidemic and prolonged treatment in a health facility of a family member.

Assistance in kind means the provision of clothing, food, and other resources that the Social Work Center has determined are necessary for the minimum subsistence of the citizen and the family.

By way of exception, as an exception to accidental cases, acute illness requiring hospital treatment, etc., it can be used by citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia who do not have a permanent residence, as well as foreigners with temporary residence and regulated entry into the Republic of North Macedonia, in accordance with the law.

The Budget of the Republic provides funds for the allocation of **one-time assistance** in cases of extraordinary threats to the population on a larger scale:

- To meet the needs of a person or a family who found themselves in a position of social risk, which may leave lasting consequences, due to a natural disaster (earthquake, a flood, fire), epidemic, and death of a family member,
- A person who needs surgery or longer treatment in a health facility abroad, and
- A person who is not provided with housing, a beneficiary of **guaranteed minimum assistance**, and that person is unable to work, as assistance in providing necessary housing.

The amount of the right to **one-time cash assistance** is aligned with the increase in the cost of living for the previous year, published by the State Statistics Office, in January for the current year. The **one-time financial assistance** is provided at the social work center.

MINIMAL GUARANTEED ASSISTANCE

A household that is materially unsecured and does not own property and property rights from which it can support itself has the **right to minimal guaranteed assistance**.

The equivalent scale is increased by a coefficient for a single woman during pregnancy one month before childbirth and a single parent until the child's primary education begins, but at the latest until the child is seven years old, and it ends with the third child of that family.

The right to **minimal guaranteed assistance** can also be accomplished by a household that is materially unsecured but owns property and property rights from which it can support itself, in the event that the member of the household, the owner of the property, has entered into an agreement for lifetime maintenance with the Social Work Center.

The **minimal guaranteed assistance** is paid in the amount of the difference between the determined amount of the **minimal guaranteed assistance** and the total average monthly incomes for all the household bases, achieved in the last three months. The amount of **minimal guaranteed assistance** is aligned with the increase in the cost of living for the previous year, published by the State Statistics Office in January of the current year. The **minimal guaranteed assistance** is provided at the Social Work Center.

When determining the amount of the guaranteed minimum assistance for a household member, it does not consider a person who is:

- On serving a prison sentence longer than 30 days,
- a person who, by decision of the Social Work Center, is placed in an institution for non-family social protection, foster family, organized living with support or another institution, and
- Perpetrator of family violence.

A household that uses the **minimal guaranteed assistance** receives a financial allowance to cover part of the costs of energy consumption in the household, for the months from October to March. With the exception of paragraph 1 of this article, in conditions of extraordinary circumstances (established existence of a crisis situation, declared an epidemic, i.e. pandemic, fires, floods, or other major natural disasters), a household that uses the **minimal guaranteed assistance**, obtains a monetary allowance in order to cover part of the costs of household energy consumption for the months from April to September.

A household with children that uses **minimal guaranteed assistance** also can accomplish rights for the protection of children, in accordance with the Law on the Protection of Children.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SOCIAL CARE

A person capable of working and maintaining a household has the **right to financial assistance for social care**. The applicant, that is, the holder of the right for **financial assistance for social care**, should be unemployed person, who is actively looking for a job in accordance with the Law of Employment and Insurance in the event of unemployment, materially unsecured, and who, according to other regulations, cannot provide means of subsistence.

A person and a household are considered to be materially unsecured, if the person or the household earn income that is lower than the amount of **financial assistance for social care**, determined by this law, and which does not own property and property rights from which it can support itself.

For each subsequent member of the household, the basis increases by a factor of 0.37, up to a maximum of five members. The amount of **financial assistance for social care** is in line with the increase in the cost of living for the previous year, published by the State Statistics Office, in January for the current year.

The right to **financial assistance for social care** is provided by the Social Work Center.

CHILD ALLOWANCE

Child allowance is the right of the child and is provided as monetary compensation to cover part of the costs of raising and developing the child, depending on the financial situation of the household and is provided to a child up to the age of 18, as well as to beneficiaries of **minimal guaranteed assistance** in accordance with the Law on Social Protection.

The right to **child allowance** is also provided to a child from a household that has achieved, that is uses the right of **minimal guaranteed assistance** in accordance with the Law on Social Protection.

The right to **child allowance** can be achieved by one of the child's parents, the guardian, or the person to whom, by decision of the competent Social Work Center, the child is entrusted for care and upbringing under the conditions established by this law.

The beneficiary of the right to **child allowance** should be a citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia with a permanent place of residence in the Republic of North Macedonia. A foreign citizen who has a domicile and regulated permanent residence in the Republic of North Macedonia can accomplish the right to **child allowance** for a child in accordance with The Law on the Protection of Children and international agreements ratified in accordance with The Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia.

Child allowance is due for children supported by the parent, for children born in marriage or out of wedlock, adopted children, as well as for grandchildren, siblings, and other children.

The right for child allowance depends on the number of members in the household and is calculated using an equivalent scale for one member of the household. **The equivalent scale increases further by 1.2 for a single parent.**

When determining the amount of child allowance, a person who is not considered a household or family member is:

- Serving a prison sentence longer than 30 days;
- With the decision of the Social Work Center, is placed in an out-patient facility for family social protection, or is placed in a health or other institution for the period while the accommodation lasts, and
- Perpetrator of family violence.

The amount of the **child allowance** is aligned with the increase in the cost of living for the previous year published by the State Statistics Office in January for the current year.

The right to a **child allowance** is provided by the Social Work Center.

EDUCATION ALLOWANCE

An **education allowance** is provided to cover part of the costs of a household related to the child's education, depending on the material household condition as well as for beneficiaries of guaranteed minimum assistance in accordance with the Law on Social Protection.

The equivalent scale increases by an additional 1.2 for a single parent.

When determining the amount of the threshold for access to the right-to-child allowance, a household or family member is not considered a person who is:

- Serving a prison sentence longer than 30 days;
- With the decision of the Social Work Center, he is placed in an institution for non-family social protection, or is placed in a health or other institution for the period while the accommodation lasts, and
- Perpetrator of family violence.

The right to an education allowance is used for a child who attends at least 85% of the total number of lessons and did not use an **education allowance** for the same school year. The amount of the **education allowance** is in line with the previous year's cost of living increase published by the National Statistics Office in January for the current year. The request for the education allowance together with the necessary documentation is submitted to the Social Work Center, competent for the area where the parent has residence or stay.

COMPENSATION FOR ASSISTANCE AND CARE FROM ANOTHER PERSON

For a person over 26 years of age, with a moderate, severe, or profound intellectual disability, a person with a more severe and severe physical disability, a person who is completely blind, as well as a person with permanent changes in their health condition, has the right to receive a compensation for assistance and care from another person.

The amount of compensation for assistance and care from another person is determined depending on the extent of the need for **assistance and care from another person**. The amount of the monthly allowance for assistance and care by another person is aligned with the increase in the cost of living for the previous year, published by the State Statistics Office, in January for the current year. The compensation is provided by the Center for Social Work.

DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

Disability allowance is provided to encourage social inclusion and equal opportunities to a person who is:

- With severe or profound intellectual disability
- With the most severe physical disability,
- Totally blind person and
- Totally deaf person.

Compensation due to disability can be claimed by a person who has reached the age of 26, at the latest until the age of 65, and is used regardless of the age of the beneficiary. The compensation amounts are aligned with the previous year's cost of living increase, published by the State Statistics Office in January for the current year.

The right to compensation due to disability is realized on the basis of a consular opinion from a first-level commission composed of three specialist doctors from a relevant tertiary health institution.

There is a compensation of wages for part-time work due to the care of a child with physical or mental disabilities in development.

The right to salary compensation for part-time work due to the care of a child with physical or mental disabilities in development and with the most severe forms of chronic diseases, determined by the Law on Labor Relations, is provided by the Center for Social Affairs.

HEALTH CARE

The right to health care is available to users of:

- Beneficiary of guaranteed minimum assistance, a person who is unable to work;
- Beneficiary of compensation due to disability;
- Beneficiary of compensation for assistance and care from another person;
- A person with the status of a recognized refugee and a person under subsidiary protection;
- Beneficiaries of non-family protection;
- A person-victim of domestic violence for whom a measure of protection is taken in accordance with the regulations in the field of prevention, prevention, and protection from domestic violence and
- Victim of human trafficking.

Users exercise the right to health care, only if they cannot acquire insurance on any other basis.

SINGLE PARENTS WHO HAVE LOW INCOME ARE EXEMPTED FROM PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS - KINDERGARTEN

Single parents with low incomes are exempt from participating in the costs of placing their child in a public institution, such as a kindergarten, according to the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy. This exemption applies to all single parents whose monthly earnings are below the legally established minimum wage, as determined by the regulations.

Public institutions for children, including daycare centers and kindergartens, allow single parents who meet the legal requirements for participation to submit an application with the necessary documentation, as outlined in the regulations, to access this participation exemption for the care, upbringing, rest, and recreation of their children in these public institutions.

FAMILY PENSION

The right to a family pension can be exercised by the following family members:

- Spouse;
- Spouse from a divorced marriage, if it was determined by a court decision the right to maintenance;
- Children, regardless of whether they were born within a marriage or out of wedlock, adopted children, stepchildren supported by the insured person, grandchildren, and other children without parents supported by the insured person.
- Parents (both father and mother, or the surviving parent) and adoptive parents, supported by the insured person.
- Grandchildren without parents, other children without parents, and parents supported by the insured person, but only under specific conditions established by the Pension and Disability Insurance Law.

In order to exercise the right to a family pension, general and special conditions must be met. The general conditions apply to the insured from whom the right to family pension is derived, and the special conditions apply to the person who will actually use the right to family pension.

General conditions for acquiring **the right to a family pension**:

- If the insured from whom the right to use family pension is derived until on the day of death, he completed at least 5 years of work experience or acquired at least 10 years of pensionable service;
- If the insured has fulfilled the conditions for acquiring the right to an old-age pension or disability pension or was already a beneficiary of an old-age or disability pension;
- If the death of the insured occurred as a result of an injury at work or from an occupational disease, regardless of the length of pensionable service.

Special conditions for acquiring the right to a family pension apply if the beneficiary of the pension is:

- Widower/widow;
- Child;
- Parent, if the deceased insured person had been the parent's primary caregiver up until his death.

The special conditions are determined by the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance and must be fulfilled by the person who will apply as a beneficiary of the family pension.

EDUCATION

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SOCIAL SUPPORT OF STUDENTS FROM PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Candidates studying in public secondary schools in the Republic of North Macedonia, should meet the following conditions:

1. Be regular students from the 1st year, who during primary education have achieved continuous at least very good academic success;
2. Be regular students from II, III, and IV years, who during secondary education have achieved continuous at least very good academic success;
3. Have not repeated a year during their education;
4. Are not recipients of scholarships from other institutions or companies;
5. Are citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The criteria for awarding the scholarships are:

- The financial condition of the student's immediate family;
- The social position of the student's immediate family;
- The achieved academic success and
- Won awards at international/state competitions during the previous two academic years for first-year students, that is, during the previous school year for students from II, III, and IV year

Students – children of single parents, children of social assistance beneficiaries, and children of beneficiaries of compensation on the basis of redundancy in which the total income in the family is up to the net minimum wage established in the Republic of North Macedonia, get 5 points each.

For awards won at the state level, meaning only prizes awarded by accredited associations of teachers by the Ministry of Education and Science that organize competitions for students will be recognized. An international competition means a mutual competition between students from at least ten different countries.

PUBLIC STUDENT DORMITORIES FOR ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The method and procedure for admission of students to public student dormitories, as well as the conditions for accommodation and food, are regulated in accordance with the Law on Student Standards and the Rulebook on the method and procedure for admission of students to public student dormitories.

The students, who will be accepted for accommodation and food in a dormitory, will cover the costs of transportation from - to the permanent place of residence.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UNDER-GRADUATE STUDIES AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

a) First group - scholarships for full-time students from social categories enrolled in first-cycle undergraduate studies at public universities and higher education institutions in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Criteria for awarding the scholarships from the first group for social categories:

- Achieved success from previous study years to the current year for all study programs;
- For the criterion of material capabilities of students and their families, the total monthly income per member of the student's family is taken (monthly net wages and annual incomes on various bases). Those students whose monthly income per family member is higher than 75% of the average monthly net salary paid in the Republic of North Macedonia will not receive points and on that basis will be disqualified from this group of scholarships;
- Students who were without parents and parental care until the age of 18, students who are categorized as persons with special needs, students - children of a single parent, students - children of social assistance beneficiaries, and students - children of benefit beneficiaries based on technological surplus for which the total income in the family is below the net minimum wage established in the Republic of North Macedonia receive an additional 10 points;
- Students who have not passed at least 80% of the scheduled exams for the previous study years will not be ranked.
- The documents of the students, who will win 0 points based on the criterion of material possibilities, will not be considered;
- Students who participate in the Program for providing tutoring to elementary school students;
- If there are more registered candidates with the same number of points, candidates enrolled in a higher year of studies will have higher priority.

ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN STATE'S STUDENT DORMITORIES AND OTHER FACILITIES

The distribution of the total number of available places in the homes is done in the following way:

a) first group - 40% of the total number of available places in the dormitories are for students whose total income in the family is **up to the net minimum wage** determined in the Republic of North Macedonia and for students:

- children without parents and parental care;
- children with special needs;
- children of beneficiaries of social cash assistance and permanent cash assistance help;
- **children of a single parent:**
- children of unemployed parents and
- children of welfare recipients who had their employment terminated for business purposes.

b) The first group also includes students for whom the total income in the family is above the net minimum wage established in the Republic of North Macedonia, for students:

- children without parents and parental care;
- children with special needs;
- **children of a single parent:**
- children of unemployed parents;
- children of recipients of financial benefits based on termination of employment for business reasons.

THE RIGHT TO A SUBSIDIZED STUDENT MEAL

All students who meet the following conditions are getting the right to a subsidized meal:

- Who are citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- Who are full-time undergraduate students at public and private universities;
- Who do not hold a regular employment;
- Who are not registered as individual farmers and
- Who does not have a monthly income on any basis higher than the minimum net salary in the republic for the current year.

A **subsidized student meal** is financial support that a student receives from the Ministry of Education and Science for the purchase of prepared food.

Users have the right to use the service from Monday to Saturday. If the **beneficiary of a subsidized student meal** does not use the right to subsidize a student meal in the specified period, the amount of the subsidized student meal is not transferred to him on the following day.

The recipient is prohibited from using his or her entitlement to a **subsidised student meal** between the dates of July 1 and October 1 of the year in which the entitlement was acquired, as well as on public holidays and non-working days.

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Citizens in a difficult financial situation can approach the Ministry of Justice and its regional units and request legal aid or a lawyer who will be paid from the Ministry's budget.

Citizens can receive **free legal assistance** for property-legal disputes, debt-creditor relations, pension and disability insurance issues, representation of victims of domestic violence, social assistance, disputes with insurance companies, and other needs. The law provides for the provision of primary and secondary legal aid.

Primary legal assistance consists of providing general legal advice, general legal information, and assistance in preparing a request for free legal assistance.

Secondary legal assistance is provided by lawyers and it consists of representation in civil court proceedings, in administrative proceedings before the Pension and Disability Insurance Fund, the Health Insurance Fund, representation in probate proceedings before a notary, drawing up debtor's submissions before an executor, etc.

Beneficiaries of free legal aid are exempt from court costs and expert witness costs (the same will be carried out by the Bureau of Court Expertise free of charge).

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- Child Protection Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 23/2013, 12/2014, 44/2014, 144/2014, 10/2015, 25/2015, 150/2015, 192/2015, 27/2016, 163/2017, 21/2018, 198/2018, 104/2019 and Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia, No. 146/2019, 275/2019, 311/2020, 294/2021, 150/2022 and 236/2022).
- Family Law (Official Gazette No. 80/1992, 9/1996, 19/2000, 79/2001, 38/2004, 60/2005, 33/2006, 84/2008, 117/2009, 67/2010, 156 /2010, 39/2012, 44/2012, 38/2014, 115/2014, 104/2015, 150/2015, 122/2018, 51/2021, 53/2021).
- Pension and Disability Insurance Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 98/2012, 166/2012, 15/2013, 170/2013, 43/2014, 44/2014, 97/2014, 113/2014, 188/2014, 20/2015, 61/2015, 97/2015, 129/2015, 147/2015, 154/2015, 173/2015, 217/2015, 217/2015, 27/122, 27/1201, 27/2015 /2018, 35/2018, 220/2018, 245/2018 and Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia 180/2019, 275/2019, 31/2020, 267/2020, 67/2022, 79/.2023).
- Higher Education Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia, No. 82 of May 8, 2018).
- Law on organization and work of state administration bodies (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 58/00, 44/02, 82/08, 167/10, and 51/11 and Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 96/19 and 110 /19).
- Student standard Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 15/13, 120/13, 41/14, 146/15, 30/16, 178/16, 64/18 and 20/19 and Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 124/19, 248/20 and 302/20).
- Student standard Law (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 52/05, 117/08, 17/11, 135/11, 15/13, 41/14, 146/15, 30/16, 64/18, 20/ 19 and Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 248/20 and 302/20).
- Law of subsidized student meal (Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 31/2020, 150/2021, 251/22 and 91/23).

REGULATIONS

Regulations adopted in accordance with the Law on Social Protection

- Rulebook on the method of exercising the right to guaranteed minimum assistance, determining the state of income, property and property rights of the household, determining the holder of the right, the form of the request and the necessary documentation (Official Gazette of RSM no. 109/19).
- Rulebook on the way to exercise the right to compensation for help and care from another person, the form for the request and the necessary documentation, the form for the opinion given by the family doctor about the need for help and care from another person, the way of work of the expert committee, the composition and method of work of the second-level commission, the method of keeping records of the issued findings and the form and content of the form for giving a finding, evaluation and opinion on the need for help and care from another person (Official Gazette of RSM no. 126/19).
- Rulebook on the method of exercising the right to compensation due to disability, the necessary documentation, the composition of the first-level and second-level commissions, the form and content of the consular opinion, as well as the compensation for issuing a consular opinion (Official Gazette of RSM no. 111/19).
- Rulebook on the method of exercising the right to one-time financial assistance, the form of the request, and the necessary documentation for exercising this right (Official Gazette of RSM no. 109/19)
- Rulebook on the method for exercising the right to part-time salary compensation, the form of the request and the documentation for exercising the right (Official Gazette of RSM no. 109/19).

Regulations adopted in accordance with the Protection of Children Law

- Rulebook on the closer conditions and the way to exercise the rights to protect children, as well as determining the state of income, property, and property rights of the household and family for the rights to child allowance, parental allowance for a child and education allowance (Official Gazette of RSM No. 109/19).

- Rulebook on the closer conditions and the method of exercising the right to participation in the costs of care, education, rest, and recreation of children in public institutions for children (Official Gazette of RSM no. 157/19).
- Rulebook on the form and content of the request form and the necessary documentation for exercising the right to participation in the costs of care, upbringing, rest, and recreation of children in public institutions for children and on the request form and the necessary documentation for exercising the right to participation in the costs of care and education of children of preschool age for single parents who are beneficiaries of guaranteed minimum assistance whose children are cared for in a public institution for children - kindergarten (Official Gazette of the RSM no. 234/20).

Regulations adopted in accordance with the Student Standards Law

- The rulebook on the type of student scholarships and the method of awarding student scholarships (Official Gazette of RSM no. 258/20 and 160/21).

Regulations adopted in accordance with the Student Standards Law

- Rulebook on the method and procedure for admission of students to public student dormitories (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 55/10, 49/11, 50/15, 59/16, and 41/17).
- Rulebook on the way to exercise the right to accommodation in a student dormitory for students in a sports academy (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 20-6066/16).

Regulations adopted in accordance with subsidized student meals law

- The rulebook on the form and content of the statement on the accuracy of the entered data and on the form and content of the application form for acquiring the right to subsidized student food (Official Gazette of RSM no. 299/20 and 164/21).

Regulations adopted in accordance with the Pension and Disability Insurance Law

- The rulebook on the form of the request and the necessary documentation for exercising the right to old-age pension, family pension, disability pension, and monetary compensation for physical damage (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia, bp. 139/16).

