

## BENEFITS FOR PARENTS AND TAXPAYERS MAKING USE OF THE DISABILITY DEDUCTIONS

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There seems to be an enormous amount of uneducated taxpayers and parents when it comes to the benefits of making use of a tax practitioner, specializing in disability deductions. Hence, creating awareness amongst the various groups and or foundations in South Africa is of utmost importance. Every day I come across parents and disabled taxpayers that are either not aware of such allowable by sars or are not sure how to effectively apply the set guidelines.

There is also a bit of work when setting up the taxpayers disability schedule and working papers with the correct references, especially when we are going back and do corrections to prior years. But this will make it a lot easier to assist the tax payer and the tax practitioner when doing future claims.

Some tax payers that has had successful claims has invested the monies received into the improvement of the lifestyles of their loved ones that are disabled, apart from using this as a recovery of costs already spent in this regard. Recoverable amounts from over R30,000 are common and in some cases are well over a R100,000. Taking into consideration that this was money they never would have had!

The free consultation offered by my practice, assist with the maximization of the benefits for the tax payer in terms of such claim. It virtually brings the tax law and the disabled environment closer to one another. Going out to clients and experiencing the disability first hand is what it is all about. This is where noticeable clues are gathered, so as to assist the tax payer the best.

Being a parent of a disabled child, makes this process a lot easier, as empathy rather than sympathy is experienced throughout the process. I urge all taxpayers to make use of this allowable from sars and to seek the services of a specialist on disability tax, to ensure a smooth transition and high success rate.

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