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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Legal provision for the non-inclusion of welfare benefits awarded to PWD in the taxable income and their protection against attachment for debts**

Following an intervention by the Greek Ombudsman, welfare benefits for persons with disabilities shall not be included in any income category and shall be protected against attachment by the State for debts of their beneficiaries (Article 81 of Law 4611/2019).

The Ombudsman highlights that these particularly important developments shall take effect for benefits awarded during the financial year 2019 (as of 01.01.2019) and urges the IAPR to issue instructions for their implementation to both the awarding bodies and the taxpayers and tax technicians

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