

DECREE
of Head of State of Georgia

**on Granting Financial Aid and Travel Benefits to Refugees and People who have
been Internally Displaced as a Result of a Conflict in Some Regions of the Republic
of Georgia or Abroad**
(As amended)

For the purpose of improving social conditions of the refugees and internally displaced persons in the Republic of Georgia and creation of a uniform system of distributing monthly financial aid:

1. A refugee or an internally displaced person of any age, except for those who receive pension due to old age or receive state support unless they are disabled or are not granted pension for the loss of a breadwinner (are entitled to free meals and lodging place), shall be granted financial aid in the amount of minimum monthly salary.
 - 1.1. If the pension due to old age or loss of a breadwinner is less than amount of minimum monthly salary, the persons entitled to such pension shall be granted financial aid in the amount determined for refugees.
2. The persons receiving state support shall be granted aid in the amount of one third of minimum monthly salary. This reduction shall not apply to the pension due to old age, the disabled and persons (children) who are entitled to pension due to the loss of a breadwinner.
3. The persons receiving pension due to old age shall be granted additional financial aid in the amount of 20% of minimum monthly salary.
4. The refugees and internally displaced persons receiving financial aid shall not be entitled to scholarships, compensations and other assistance prescribed by law.
5. Financial operations pertaining to the rendering of assistance to the aforementioned persons shall be carried out by the Committee for Refugees and Housing of the Republic of Georgia.
6. The Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Social Security, Labor and Employment of the Republic of Georgia and respective banks shall ensure unimpeded distribution of monthly financial aid and pension due to old age.
7. Refugees and internally displaced persons shall be entitled to the following travel benefits within the territory of Georgia: free travel in all types of public transport within the region of temporary settlement (except taxi), and 50% discount for travel in public, railway and long-distance transport between the places of temporary settlement and permanent residence.
8. The aforementioned benefits shall be enjoyed by any person who have been granted refugee status or status of an internally displaced person by the Committee for Refugees and Housing of the Republic of Georgia.
9. The Committee for Refugees and Housing of the Republic of Georgia shall exercise control on the implementation of this Decree.
10. This Decree shall take effect on March 1, 1993.

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