

Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables Questionnaire

Response: 025

Anonymous

11a Select the key theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the most important to you
Medical evidence requirements
11b Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the second most important to you
Other
11b (i) Other: What theme to the Impairment Tables, not listed above, is the second most important to you.
The completing of a question matrix by a GP or specialist
11c Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the third most important to you
Mental health
12a (i) The removal of the term 'permanent condition' provides greater clarity that a condition must persist for two years as part of the DSP eligibility criteria
Disagree
12a (ii) The proposed changes more clearly describe the requirements of diagnosis, treatment and stabilisation of conditions for DSP assessment
Unsure
12b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes to the FDTs requirement
What was wrong with DSP evidentiary requirements in previous times which needed this current overhaul. Show me the figures, statistics, that have shown an increase in disabled persons getting permanent work positions compared to those figure from say the 1980's 2000's
13a (i) The inclusion of additional defined terms provides greater clarity around terminology used in the Instrument
Unsure
13a (ii) Simplification in Part 2 of the Instrument improves the guidance and readability of the section
Agree
13a (iii) The proposed changes to Table introductions and descriptors has made it easier to understand the requirements of Tables
Agree
13a (iv) The additional guidance in appropriate Tables provides greater clarity when considering functional impairment. For example an additional guidance point to all Tables on fluctuating and episodic conditions
Unsure
13a (v) The updating of references to relevant assistive technology provides clearer guidance and modernises the Tables
Unsure
13a (vi) The broader range of examples in the Tables illustrates how a person's functional impairment may impact their ability to work
Unsure
13b Please provide any additional comments on the proposed operational improvements.
And just who pays for the assistive technology? Not all people , disabled or not can afford things to help themselves and NDIS is a shamozzle as it is.

14a The proposed changes recognise and capture the functional impacts relating to alcohol, drug and other substance misuse in appropriate Tables
Agree
14b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about the impacts from alcohol, drug and other substance misuse.
In trying to make a one system fits all, the government has court up genuinely disabled amongst the alcohol, drug and substance misusers. This has been done numerous times in the past with Social Security or Centrelink as it is now known. Try to get rid of one group who are dodgy and you catch the genuine ones as well. Think Farmers and the Asset test. Think NDIS. Look at the history of the welfare system and use modern technology to test a system before making it go public. When will some departments learn.
15a The addition of guidance recognises the impacts of ongoing side effects from prescribed medication and treatment
Agree
16a (i) Proposed changes better represent the functional impact of pain
Disagree
16a (ii) Additional examples of pain related conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table
Unsure
16b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about pain.
What one person experiences in pain may be different from someone else. How will there be a reliable pain indicator.
17a Additional examples of chronic illnesses that result in functional impairment provide greater clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table
Unsure
18a Additional examples of renal conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table
Agree
19a (i) Additional examples of fatigue related conditions that result in functional impairment provide greater clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table
Unsure
19a (ii) The inclusion of a personal care descriptor captures the functional impacts of fatigue on a person's ability to undertake personal care activities
Agree
19a (iii) Proposed changes better represent the functional impact of fatigue related conditions
Agree
20a Additional examples of cancer and subsequent conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around these types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table
Disagree
21a (i) Additional examples of specific pieces of evidence that may be used to support a claim assists individuals to identify the accepted range of medical evidence that can be provided
Agree
21a (ii) Additional examples of professionals assists individuals identify the range of appropriate practitioners who are able to provide medical evidence in support of their claims
Disagree
21b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes to medical evidentiary requirements.

Too many times people get pushed around from one medical person to another.
Whatever happened to Commonwealth Medical officers.
Even some specialists do not want to fill out all the paper work.

And when it is done is it determined by a Medically qualified person or just a clerk or as they are known now a analyst's.

22a (i) Addition of descriptors better capture shoulder function in Table 2 - Upper Limb Function

Agree

22a (ii) The addition of descriptors for the loss of function of a dominant limb under Table 2 – Upper Limb Function better recognises functional impacts of losing a dominant upper limb

Agree

22a (iii) Additional examples of specific skin conditions that result in functional impairment provide more clarity around the types of conditions that may be assessed against a Table

Unsure

23a The proposed changes better capture the functional impacts of balance, dizziness and a person's ability to stand

Unsure

24a The proposed change will better support individuals by providing a broader range of medical professionals allowed to provide corroborating evidence in support of a diagnosis of a mental health condition for assessment under Table 5 – Mental Health Function

Unsure

25a The proposed changes improve alignment with other recognised mental health assessment tools (including the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule –WHODAS, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – DSM, World Health Organization International Classification of Diseases - ICD)

Unsure

26a (i) Proposed changes better reflect conditions on the spectrum of neurodiversity

Unsure

26a (ii) The addition of a new social skills descriptors in the table relating to brain function recognise difficulties a neurodivergent person may experience in social situations

Agree

26b Regarding the proposed change on Table 6 – Brain Function to better recognise social skills difficulties, would you prefer to:

add a new social skills descriptor and require a person to meet at least two descriptors for the relevant impairment rating to be assigned

27a The proposed changes better recognise the need for culturally appropriate assessments

Disagree

28 In accordance with the Privacy Collection Notice, please select one of the following.

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