

Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables Questionnaire

Response: 064

Anonymous

11a Select the key theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the most important to you

Chronic Illness

11b Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the second most important to you

Musculoskeletal and skin functions

11c Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the third most important to you

Fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised (FDTs) requirement

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

Strongly agree

12a (ii) The proposed changes more clearly describe the requirements of diagnosis, treatment and stabilisation of conditions for DSP assessment

Strongly agree

12b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes to the FDTs requirement

I think it should be easier to get for people who can prove they have more than 1 chronic health condition, but requires treatment long-term.

I don't think it is fair that drug addiction should be classed as a disability as it is a choice they have.

Epilepsy , Asthma, crushed discs and so on are not something that I chose to have but do.

It needs to be looked at from the eyes of the people with the Medical conditions and not someone who has absolutely no idea of the pain and suffering we go through.

13a (i) The inclusion of additional defined terms provides greater clarity around terminology used in the Instrument

Agree

13a (ii) Simplification in Part 2 of the Instrument improves the guidance and readability of the section

Unsure

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

Agree

13a (v) The updating of references to relevant assistive technology provides clearer guidance and modernises the Tables

Agree

13a (vi) The broader range of examples in the Tables illustrates how a person's functional impairment may impact their ability to work

Strongly agree

14a The proposed changes recognise and capture the functional impacts relating to alcohol, drug and other substance misuse in appropriate Tables

Strongly disagree

14b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about the impacts from alcohol, drug and other substance misuse.

I don't personally agree with this as drug drug and alcohol abuse is a choice the person chooses to use them. I don't choose my medical conditions and yet I have them.

This shouldn't even be considered a disability as it is an insult to people who actually have a disability.

15a The addition of guidance recognises the impacts of ongoing side effects from prescribed medication and treatment

Strongly agree

15b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about the ongoing side effects of treatment.

I'm on a few medications like Epilim which makes you extremely tired, symbicort, solone tablets and ventolin for asthma, lomotil for ibs, panadol daily for back pain.

All these tablets have on going side effects.

The ventolin makes you shake after using it (nebuliser one), the solone tablets make me nauseous and I have a tablet after it to calm that down. The symbicort I can choke on that. And they are just the Asthma medications.

16a (i) Proposed changes better represent the functional impact of pain

Strongly agree

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

Strongly agree

16b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about pain.

I have a disc injury so most of the time now I need to use either a walker or crutches to help me walk, if I go to far without either I have to stop and have a rest a few times as the pain is unbearable.

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

Strongly agree

17b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about chronic illness.

I have a few different ones where do I start?

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

Strongly agree

18b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about renal conditions.

Good idea

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

Strongly agree

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

Strongly agree

19b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about fatigue.

Medication makes you tired and very fatigued and sometimes you just can't control it.

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

Strongly agree

20b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about cancer.

Should be accepted way more than drugs and alcohol.

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

Strongly 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

Strongly agree

21b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes to medical evidentiary requirements.

I think you require to much sometimes but dut think you require enough for someone who is trying to get on it for drugs and alcohol shouldn't be even a thought. That is a choice

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

22b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about musculoskeletal and skin functions.

What about lower limb?

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

Strongly agree

23b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about balance.

I've had a couple of recent falls

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

Agree

24b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about psychologists.

Only for mental.health not drugs and alcohol abuse

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)

Agree

25b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about mental health.

I agree

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

Agree

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:

keep the current list of descriptors and require a person to meet only one descriptor for the relevant impairment rating to be assigned

26c Please provide any additional comments regarding changes about neurodiversity.

With neuro does that include epilepsy?

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

Agree

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