

Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables Questionnaire

Response: 092

Anonymous

11a Select the key theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the most important to you
Neurodiversity
11b Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the second most important to you
Mental health
11c Select the theme of the proposed changes to the Impairment Tables that is the third most important to you
Psychologists
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
Agree
12b Please provide any additional comments regarding changes to the FDTs requirement
I like that it allows for breathing room in mental health. There may be times in one's life where a condition is more severe than other times and the two years thing helps with that.
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
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
Strongly 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
13b Please provide any additional comments on the proposed operational improvements.
The fca that an OT writes for ndis would give a better understanding of actual ability to work. The fca currently done by centrelink does not. The new tables are closer to an OT assessment.
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.

Moving it to mental health is a good idea.

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.

Finally.

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

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

Unsure

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

Agree

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

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

Being on dialysis makes it impossible to hold a full time job and if the work environment isn't kept really clean it can make renal patients very very sick. I'm glad this is included

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

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

Agree

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

I'm not sure if it is or not but it would be good to have chronic anaemia on that list.

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

Agree

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.

Great, now hopefully centrelink will listen to the mass of medical evidence rather than the single opinion of a centrelink person.

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

Unsure

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

Unsure

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

Agree

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

Hypermobility is a thing in our family. I get vertigo simply from things moving too much in front of my face. I'm glad this is being considered.

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

Strongly agree

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

YES!!!!!!!!!! THAT IS FANTASTIC!!!

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)

Strongly agree

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

Great, please include dissociative disorders.

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.

Please just treat neurodivergent people kindly.

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

Unsure

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