



Permanent Impairment Assessments: Provider Checklist

Permanent Impairment assessment aims to determine the impact of a veteran's service-related condition(s) on their overall function.

Before submitting the assessment:

- ☒ Answer all questions on the Medical Impairment Assessment forms, including any additional questions provided by the delegate
- ☒ Assess the veteran's usual level of impairment, not their impairment during an unusually good/bad period
- ☒ Address permanence and stability according to DVA principles:
 - Permanent = expected to continue indefinitely
 - Stable = unlikely to improve significantly
- ☒ Ensure the reported impairment is clinically consistent with the accepted condition and provide a brief explanation of any particularly unusual impairment
- ☒ Consider whether other conditions contribute to the reported impairment
- ☒ List all conditions contributing to reported impairment and indicate percentage contributions ensuring totals equal 100%

Common causes of delays:

- ☒ Questions left unanswered
- ☒ Blank tables or fields
- ☒ Insufficient information about permanence or stability
- ☒ Reporting impairment during flare-ups rather than average functioning
- ☒ Incomplete percentage contribution of each condition to overall impairment

Complete forms, clear answers and concise clinical reasoning will reduce the need for supplementary reports and help DVA finalise the claim more quickly.