

## Chapter 3

# PARTIALLY CONTRIBUTING IMPAIRMENT

### (I) - Introduction

Partially Contributing Impairment is to be applied whenever a Medical Impairment is not due solely to the effects of the entitled condition(s) currently being assessed.

### (II) - Method of determining if Partially Contributing Impairment applies

Judgement is to be utilized by the decision maker using relevant medical evidence to determine if any non-entitled or previously entitled conditions contribute to the medical impairment currently being assessed. The judgement of the relative contributions should be based upon the medical information provided in the form of a medical questionnaire or medical report(s), and in some cases advice from a Departmental Medical Advisor.

The contribution should be expressed in the form: "The entitled condition(s) currently being assessed contribute(s) 'fully', 'three-quarters', 'one-half', 'one-quarter', 'not at all', .....to the medical impairment.

If more than one non-entitled or previously entitled condition contributes to the relevant Medical Impairment rating, the contribution of the non-entitled or already entitled conditions is treated as a single entity.

### (III) - Method of applying Partially Contributing Impairment

**Step 1:** The decision maker determines the Medical Impairment rating for the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions currently being assessed using the appropriate assessment chapter(s).

**Step 2:** Find the Medical Impairment rating level in **Table 3.1**.

**Step 3:** Find the appropriate contribution of the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions currently being assessed from the top row of **Table 3.1**.

**Step 4:** Where the appropriate Medical Impairment rating row and the appropriate contribution column intersect, the resulting value is the Medical Impairment rating with the Partially Contributing Impairment applied.

**Table 3.1 - Partially Contributing Table**

Medical Impairment rating	Complete	About 3/4	About 1/2	About 1/4	Not at all
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
1	1	1	1	0	0
2	2	2	1	1	0
3	3	3	2	1	0
4	4	4	2	1	0
5	5	5	3	2	0
6	6	6	4	2	0
7	7	7	4	2	0
8	8	7	5	2	0
9	9	8	6	3	0
10	10	9	6	3	0
11	11	10	7	3	0
12	12	11	7	4	0
13	13	12	8	4	0
14	14	12	9	4	0
15	15	14	9	5	0

Medical Impairment rating	Complete	About 3/4	About 1/2	About 1/4	Not at all
16	16	15	10	5	0
17	17	16	11	5	0
18	18	17	11	6	0
19	19	18	12	6	0
20	20	19	12	6	0
21	21	20	13	7	0
22	22	21	14	7	0
23	23	21	14	7	0
24	24	22	15	7	0
25	25	23	16	8	0
26	26	24	16	8	0
27	27	25	17	8	0
28	28	26	17	9	0
29	29	27	18	9	0
30	30	28	19	9	0
31	31	29	19	10	0
32	32	30	20	10	0
33	33	31	20	10	0
34	34	32	21	11	0
35	35	33	22	11	0
36	36	33	22	11	0
37	37	34	23	11	0
38	38	35	24	12	0

Medical Impairment rating	Complete	About 3/4	About 1/2	About 1/4	Not at all
39	39	36	24	12	0
40	40	37	25	12	0
41	41	38	25	13	0
42	42	39	26	13	0
43	43	40	27	13	0
44	44	41	27	14	0
45	45	42	28	14	0
46	46	43	29	14	0
47	47	44	30	15	0
48	48	45	30	15	0
49	49	46	30	15	0
50	50	47	31	16	0
51	51	47	32	16	0
52	52	48	32	16	0
53	53	49	33	16	0
54	54	50	33	17	0
55	55	51	34	17	0
56	56	52	35	17	0
57	57	53	35	18	0
58	58	54	36	18	0
59	59	55	37	18	0
60	60	56	37	19	0
61	61	57	38	19	0

Medical Impairment rating	Complete	About 3/4	About 1/2	About 1/4	Not at all
62	62	58	38	19	0
63	63	59	39	20	0
64	64	60	40	20	0
65	65	60	40	20	0
66	66	61	41	20	0
67	67	62	42	21	0
68	68	63	42	21	0
69	69	64	43	21	0
70	70	65	43	22	0
71	71	66	44	22	0
72	72	67	45	22	0
73	73	68	45	23	0
74	74	69	46	23	0
75	75	70	47	23	0
76	76	71	47	24	0
77	77	72	48	24	0
78	78	73	49	24	0
79	79	73	49	24	0
80	80	74	50	25	0
81	81	75	50	25	0
82	82	76	51	25	0
83	83	77	52	26	0
84	84	78	52	26	0

Medical Impairment rating	Complete	About 3/4	About 1/2	About 1/4	Not at all
85	85	79	53	25	0
86	86	80	53	27	0
87	87	81	54	27	0
88	88	82	55	27	0
89	89	83	55	28	0
90	90	84	56	28	0
91	91	85	57	28	0
92	92	86	57	29	0
93	93	86	58	29	0
94	94	87	58	29	0
95	95	88	59	29	0
96	96	89	60	30	0
97	97	90	60	30	0
98	98	91	61	30	0
99	99	92	61	31	0
100	100	93	62	31	0