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Dear medical practitioner

Thank you for your interest in becoming an accredited permanent impairment assessor.

The application pack contains:

1. Information about the accreditation process
2. An application form for you to complete and return to WorkCoverSA
3. A copy of the proposed fees for permanent impairment services

Please return your application by Friday **19 March 2010**.

Please address your application to:

Catherine Gellard  
Program Manager  
WorkCover  
GPO Box 2668  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

All applicants will be contacted before the Friday 16 April 2010 to advise if they have been successful. Successful applicants will then be required to undertake training. This will be held on the weekend of **1 and 2 May 2010**.

If you have any questions regarding the accreditation requirements or process please email [pia@workcover.com](mailto:pia@workcover.com) or contact Catherine Gellard on (08) 8238 5789.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue Ellis', with some overlapping loops and a long tail.

Sue Ellis  
Manager, Service Development Team  
Health and Rehabilitation Unit

February 2010



# Accredited permanent impairment assessment

The requirements for permanent impairment assessments have changed due to recent legislative changes to the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986*. Permanent impairment assessors must now undertake specific training in whole person assessments and be accredited by WorkCoverSA.

## What is the criteria for accrediting permanent impairment assessors?

In order to become an accredited permanent impairment assessor you need to:

- be registered currently with the Medical Board of South Australia
- be a legally qualified medical practitioner (specialist or general practitioner)
- be practising currently at least two sessions per week (on average) in clinical practice or in medico-legal, compensation or independent assessment practice
- have current continuing professional development or maintenance of professional standards certification from your professional medical college, relevant to your chosen body system(s)
- have current medical indemnity insurance and professional liability insurance.

Please note applicants **may not** be considered eligible if there are restrictions placed on their registration with the Medical Board of South Australia.

If you meet the eligibility mentioned above you will need to undertake the training required to become an accredited permanent impairment assessor and be accredited by WorkCoverSA.

## How do I apply?

Complete an application form and send it to WorkCoverSA along with a copy of your:

- Medical Board registration
- proof of continuing professional development or maintenance of professional standards.

You must specify on your application form which body systems you are applying to be accredited in.

Please enclose your application in a sealed enveloped marked confidential and address to:

Sue Ellis  
Manager, Service Development  
WorkCoverSA  
GPO Box 2668  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

## What happens next if I pass the initial eligibility criteria?

WorkCover will contact you to invite you to undertake the training required to become an accredited permanent impairment assessor. WorkCover will notify applicants of the upcoming training dates. The training is based on the American Medical Association's *Guides to the evaluation of permanent impairment, 5th edition (AMA5)* and the *WorkCover Guidelines for permanent impairment assessment (the Guidelines)*. An independent training provider contracted by WorkCover will provide the training.

The training includes:

1. a compulsory introductory module:
  - outlining the WorkCover Scheme, the role of permanent impairment assessments, WorkCover's expectations etc
  - using AMA5
2. the chosen training modules for each of the body system(s) you wish to be accredited in
3. completion of a competency assessment for each training module.

The training provider will provide you with a competency assessment at the end of each training module you attended for you to complete and return to the training provider for assessment.

Medical practitioners who successfully pass the SA competency requirements in their chosen body system(s) will be asked to sign a standard permanent impairment agreement. The agreement includes a code of conduct and the terms of engagement. A copy of this agreement is included in the application pack for your information.

WorkCover will then advise applicants of their accreditation and place their details on its accreditation register. A list of accredited permanent impairment assessors and the body system(s) they are accredited in will be available on WorkCover's website – [www.workcover.com](http://www.workcover.com).

### What if I have already undertaken training in AMA5?

WorkCover will consider attendance and completion of approved courses interstate or internationally as prior learning (for example WorkCover NSW training program).

NB. If WorkCover recognises prior learning you will still be required to attend the introductory module and successfully complete the competency assessment for each body system you wish to be accredited in.

### Is there a cost for the training?

Yes, the introductory module is \$286 and all other modules are \$396. You will also need to purchase AMA5.

### Will WorkCover keep my information confidential?

Yes, WorkCover will keep all information supplied by each applicant strictly confidential. This information will be available only to those involved in the accreditation procedure.

## Questions and answers regarding permanent impairment services

### What can I charge for my services?

Please refer to the schedule in your application pack for the fees.

### Is accreditation for a fixed term?

Yes, WorkCover will accredit assessors to perform permanent impairment assessments until 31 March 2012.

### Will I be guaranteed a level of work?

No. WorkCover will place your name and details on a list of accredited providers, which will then appear on WorkCover's website. An assessment of permanent impairment must however be undertaken by an accredited permanent impairment assessor.

### What support can WorkCover provide me?

WorkCover provides regular newsletters and ongoing education sessions to accredited providers. Additionally, WorkCover has engaged two permanent impairment peer reviewers, who will review a number of reports and provide you with feedback if required. You can also contact [pia@workcover.com](mailto:pia@workcover.com) with specific questions.

### Will WorkCover provide me with feedback on my performance?

Yes, WorkCover will be providing accredited permanent impairment assessors with confidential information twice a year, which will include the following information:

- number of reports issued
- timeline of reports (number issued on time and number issued late)
- number of non-clinical errors in reports
- number of disputes lodged with Medical Panels SA
- outcomes of disputes lodged with Medical Panels SA
- number of complaints lodged (eg, by worker, case manager etc).

### Can I refuse a referral for an assessment?

Yes. WorkCover encourages assessors to notify the requesting party immediately if the assessor feels they have been asked to provide an assessment that is outside their area of expertise.

### What is the peer review process?

WorkCover has engaged two peer reviewers to assess if reports are in accordance with the WorkCover Guidelines. If you provide a report that is not in accordance, a peer reviewer will contact you to provide assistance and feedback on amending the report.

### Can my accreditation be suspended or cancelled?

WorkCover will suspend a permanent impairment assessor's accreditation if their registration with the SA Medical Board is altered for disciplinary or other relevant reasons. It may also be suspended if an accredited permanent impairment assessor does not comply with WorkCover's permanent impairment assessor contract, including the code of conduct or terms of engagement.

WorkCover can lift this suspension once the medical practitioner again meets the accreditation criteria.

WorkCover may cancel a permanent impairment assessor's accreditation when the assessor requests in writing that they wish to cancel their accreditation to undertake permanent impairment assessments or:

- the assessor no longer meets the eligibility criteria
- the assessor's reports are consistently
  - not provided in the prescribed format
  - not in accordance with the Guidelines or
  - not provided within the required time frames.

WorkCover will raise all issues with the assessor and give the assessor reasonable opportunity to redress these issues.

Decisions to cancel a medical practitioner's accreditation to undertake permanent impairment assessments are not taken lightly and will only be made by the General Manager, Workplace Injury.

### Will I be automatically re-accredited at the end of the term of the agreement?

No, medical practitioners will be required to submit an application to be re-accredited to undertake permanent impairment assessments from April 2012.

### What levels of service will I be expected to provide?

Please see the accredited permanent impairment agreement in your application pack for details of service standards.

### Do I have to follow a standard report format?

Yes, all reports must be submitted in accordance with the standard format. Payment will not be made for reports not in the standard format, and any non-standard format reports will be returned to the provider for modification. The standard format is available on [www.workcover.com](http://www.workcover.com)

### Will I have to go to continuing education modules?

The training provider will run continuing education modules regularly (at least four times in the first 12 months and two times thereafter for the term of the agreement). The continuing education modules will be provided to assist assessors on common issues (eg, common errors in reports) or updates to the Guidelines. It is expected that assessors attend at least 50% of these courses.

### What happens if someone makes a complaint about me?

WorkCoverSA's Service Improvement Centre will investigate any complaints about a permanent impairment assessor. Each complaint will be dealt with in a professional and confidential manner, and the assessor will be given the opportunity to explain the issue from their perspective.

### Where can I get more information?

Phone: 13 18 55

Visit: [www.workcover.com](http://www.workcover.com)

Email: [pia@workcover.com](mailto:pia@workcover.com)





# Accredited permanent impairment assessor

## Application form

### 1 Applicant information

Title

Last name

First name(s)

Business address

Telephone

Email  Fax

#### Medical registration

Are you currently registered with the Medical Board in South Australia?  Yes  No

Are there any restrictions placed on your registration with the Medical Board of South Australia?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe (you can attach a separate page to this application if required).

What is your practising specialty?

Please attach a copy of your current practising certificate from the Medical Board of South Australia.

### 2 Primary medical qualification

Name of degree (write in full)

### 3 Postgraduate qualifications (Diplomas, certificates, degrees, memberships, fellowships). Attach separate sheet if required

Qualification (write in full)	Awarding university / college / institution	Country	Year

## 4 Insurance

Are you covered by medical indemnity insurance?  Yes  No

Are you covered by public liability insurance?  Yes  No

## 5 Continuing professional education

Do you have up-to-date certification of continuing professional development or maintenance of professional standards relevant to your speciality?  Yes  No

If yes, please attach copy.

## 6 Current practice

Are you currently practising at least two sessions per week (on average) in clinical practice?  Yes  No

Are you currently practising at least two sessions per week (on average) in medico-legal, compensation or independent assessment practice?  Yes  No

## 7 Body systems

Please tick the body systems you are applying to be accredited in (tick one or more):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cardiovascular (heart and aorta) | <input type="checkbox"/> cardiovascular (systemic and pulmonary) | <input type="checkbox"/> respiratory          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> digestive                        | <input type="checkbox"/> urinary and reproductive                | <input type="checkbox"/> skin                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hematopoietic                    | <input type="checkbox"/> endocrine                               | <input type="checkbox"/> ear, nose and throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> visual                           | <input type="checkbox"/> central and peripheral nervous          | <input type="checkbox"/> spine                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> upper extremities                | <input type="checkbox"/> lower extremities                       |   |

## 8 Application for recognition of prior learning

Have you undertaken a course on permanent impairment based on the American Medical Association's *Guides to the evaluation of permanent impairment*?  Yes  No

If yes, do you wish to apply for prior learning recognition?  Yes  No

If yes, please enclose a copy of your certificate of attendance.

Please note: If your prior learning is recognised by WorkCoverSA you are still required to attend the compulsory introductory module and sit competency assessments for each body system you wish to be accredited in.

## 9 Declaration by applicant

I \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

declare that I am the person named in this application and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained are true and correct.

I understand that any incorrect statement in my application including (but not restricted to) my qualifications, experience, ability, physical or mental health or personal integrity may result in refusal of my application or suspension of my accreditation.

I authorise WorkCoverSA to seek information relating to my qualifications, professional standing and past experience as relevant to my application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## Checklist

- 1. All pages have been completed
- 2. Copy of current Medical Board of SA Annual Practising Certificate is attached
- 3. Copy of continuing professional development or maintenance of professional standards is attached
- 4. Chosen body systems are ticked
- 5. Copy of certificate of attendance for any other AMA Guides (5th edition) course attended is attached (if you are applying for recognition of prior learning)

If you have any questions please contact: [pia@workcover.com](mailto:pia@workcover.com) or call 13 18 55

Please provide your application to:

Sue Ellis  
Manager Service Development  
WorkCoverSA  
100 Waymouth Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

WorkCover respects your privacy. The information provided in this application form will only be used for the purpose of permanent impairment assessor accreditation and organising permanent impairment assessments.

## Permanent impairment assessments

These services are to assess whole body permanent impairment and can only be provided by WorkCover accredited assessors.

For information to become an accredited assessor, please refer to the WorkCover website, [www.workcover.com](http://www.workcover.com) > health providers or contact Health Provider Services on 13 18 55.

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### Permanent impairment assessor – standard report

PIA10	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor standard report, simple assessment of one body system – reading, examination and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$448.50
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PIA30	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor standard report, simple assessment of one body system – reading, examination and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$879.00
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Note 2: Services are not to be paid for in advance.

Note 3: Reports will be requested by:

- the case manager or self-insured employer, or
- a worker, worker's representative or advocate.

Note 4: Permanent impairment assessment reports must be requested in writing, specifying whether a standard, moderately complex, complex or supplementary report is required.

Note 5: Reports are to be provided to the requestor within 10 business days of the examination unless the assessor believes there are reasonable grounds for an extension of time and has sought the requestor's prior consent for an extension of time.

Note 6: The examination and the preparation of a report must be in accordance with the *WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment*.

Note 7: 'Specialist' means a specialist in a surgical discipline or a consultant physician.

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### Permanent impairment assessor – moderately complex report

PIA11	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor moderately complex report, simple assessment of two body systems or more than one injury to a single body system – reading, examination and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$560.60
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PIA31	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor moderately complex report, simple assessment of two body systems or more than one injury to a single body system – reading, examination and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$1098.80
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Note 6: The examination and the preparation of a report must be in accordance with the *WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment*.

Note 7: 'Specialist' means a specialist in a surgical discipline or a consultant physician.

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### Permanent impairment assessor – complex report

PIA12	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor complex report, complex assessment on a single body system or multiple injuries involving more than one body system – reading, examination and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$710.10
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PIA32	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor complex report, complex assessment on a single body system or multiple injuries involving more than one body system – reading, examination and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$1391.80
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Note 6: The examination and the preparation of a report must be in accordance with the *WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment*.

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### Permanent impairment assessor – ENT report

PIA50	<p>ENT specialists: permanent impairment assessor ENT report – reading, examination of ear, nose and/or throat only, including audiometric testing and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i>.</p> <p>Note 1: Only permanent impairment assessors accredited by WorkCover are entitled to payment for the item listed above.</p> <p>Note 2: Services are not to be paid for in advance.</p> <p>Note 3: Reports will be requested by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the case manager or self-insured employer; or</li> <li>- a worker, worker’s representative or advocate.</li> </ul> <p>Note 4: Permanent impairment assessment reports must be requested in writing, specifying whether a standard, moderately complex, complex or supplementary report is required.</p> <p>Note 5: Reports are to be provided to the requestor within 10 business days of the examination unless the assessor believes there are reasonable grounds for an extension of time and has sought the requestor’s prior consent for an extension of time.</p> <p>Note 6: The examination and the preparation of a report must be in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i>.</p> <p>Note 7: ‘Specialist’ means a specialist in a surgical discipline or a consultant physician.</p>	\$879.00
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**Permanent impairment assessor – standard report where an examination is conducted with the assistance of an interpreter**

PIA13	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor standard report with interpreter, simple assessment of one body system – reading, examination conducted with the assistance of an interpreter and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$560.60
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PIA33	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor standard report with interpreter, simple assessment of one body system – reading, examination conducted with the assistance of an interpreter and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$1098.80
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Note 3: Reports will be requested by:

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- a worker, worker's representative or advocate.

Note 4: Permanent impairment assessment reports must be requested in writing, specifying whether a standard, moderately complex, complex or supplementary report is required.

Note 5: Reports are to be provided to the requestor within 10 business days of the examination unless the assessor believes there are reasonable grounds for an extension of time and has sought the requestor's prior consent for an extension of time.

Note 6: The examination and the preparation of a report must be in accordance with the *WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment*.

Note 7: 'Specialist' means a specialist in a surgical discipline or a consultant physician.

Note 8: If an interpreter is present at the examination, the fee payable in accordance with the items set out above is in addition to any fee payable directly to the interpreter by WorkCover.

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**Permanent impairment assessor – moderately complex report where an examination is conducted with the assistance of an interpreter**

PIA14	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor moderately complex report with interpreter, simple assessment of two body systems or more than one injury to a single body system – reading, examination conducted with the assistance of an interpreter and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$672.50
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PIA34	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor moderately complex report with interpreter, simple assessment of two body systems or more than one injury to a single body system – reading, examination conducted with the assistance of an interpreter and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$1,318.50
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Note 3: Reports will be requested by:

- the case manager or self-insured employer; or
- a worker, worker's representative or advocate.

Note 4: Permanent impairment assessment reports must be requested in writing, specifying whether a standard, moderately complex, complex or supplementary report is required.

Note 5: Reports are to be provided to the requestor within 10 business days of the examination unless the assessor believes there are reasonable grounds for an extension of time and has sought the requestor's prior consent for an extension of time.

Note 6: The examination and the preparation of a report must be in accordance with the *WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment*.

Note 7: 'Specialist' means a specialist in a surgical discipline or a consultant physician.

Note 8: If an interpreter is present at the examination, the fee payable in accordance with the items set out above is in addition to any fee payable directly to the interpreter by WorkCover.

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**Permanent impairment assessor – complex report where an examination is conducted with the assistance of an interpreter**

PIA15	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor complex report with interpreter, complex assessment on a single body system or multiple injuries involving more than one body system – reading, examination conducted with the assistance of an interpreter and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$822.30
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PIA35	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor complex report with interpreter, complex assessment on a single body system or multiple injuries involving more than one body system – reading, examination conducted with the assistance of an interpreter and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$1,611.50
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Note 3: Reports will be requested by:

- the case manager or self-insured employer, or
- a worker, worker's representative or advocate.

Note 4: Permanent impairment assessment reports must be requested in writing, specifying whether a standard, moderately complex, complex or supplementary report is required.

Note 5: Reports are to be provided to the requestor within 10 business days of the examination unless the assessor believes there are reasonable grounds for an extension of time and has sought the requestor's prior consent for an extension of time.

Note 6: The examination and the preparation of a report must be in accordance with the *WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment*.

Note 7: 'Specialist' means a specialist in a surgical discipline or a consultant physician.

Note 8: If an interpreter is present at the examination, the fee payable in accordance with the items set out above is in addition to any fee payable directly to the interpreter by WorkCover.

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**Permanent impairment assessor – ENT report where an examination is conducted with the assistance of an interpreter**

PIA51	ENT specialists: permanent impairment assessor ENT report with interpreter, reading, examination of ear, nose and/or throat only, conducted with the assistance of an interpreter, including audiometric testing and report in accordance with the <i>WorkCover Guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment</i> .	\$1,098.80
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### Permanent impairment assessor – cancellation of an appointment or non-attendance

PIA16	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor non-attendance at, or cancellation with less than 48 hours notice (excluding weekends or public holidays in South Australia) before an appointment.	\$168.00
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PIA36	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor non-attendance at, or cancellation with less than 48 hours notice (excluding weekends or public holidays in South Australia) before an appointment.	\$329.60
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Note 1: A fee for a cancellation with more than 48 hours notice (excluding weekends and public holidays in South Australia) is not payable.

Note 2: A fee for a cancellation or non-attendance does not apply if the appointment is subsequently filled with any other earning activity.

### Permanent impairment assessor – supplementary report

PIA17	General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor supplementary report, where additional information is requested by the report requestor.	\$112.10
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PIA37	Specialists: permanent impairment assessor supplementary report, where additional information is requested by the report requestor.	\$219.80
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Note 1: Supplementary report fees are not payable if additional work is required as a result of an obvious error or omission on the part of the assessor.

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**Permanent impairment assessor – additional reading time**

PIA18	<p>General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor additional reading time in conjunction with a standard or moderately complex report. This fee is only to be charged if there are more than 25 pages of reading material supplied by the report requestor. The first 25 pages are included in the report fee and are therefore not chargeable under this item.</p>	DF
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Derived fee: \$4.50 per page over 25 pages.

PIA38	<p>Specialists: permanent impairment assessor additional reading time in conjunction with a standard or moderately complex report. This fee is only to be charged if there are more than 25 pages of reading material supplied by the report requestor. The first 25 pages are included in the report fee and are therefore not chargeable under this item.</p>	DF
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Derived fee: \$8.50 per page over 25 pages.

PIA19	<p>General practitioners: permanent impairment assessor additional reading time in conjunction with a complex report. This fee is only to be charged if there are more than 51 pages of reading material supplied by the report requestor. The first 51 pages are included in the report fee and are therefore not chargeable under this item.</p>	DF
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Derived fee: \$4.50 per page over 51 pages.

PIA39	<p>Specialists: permanent impairment assessor additional reading time in conjunction with a complex report. This fee is only to be charged if there are more than 51 pages of reading material supplied by the report requestor. The first 51 pages are included in the report fee and are therefore not chargeable under this item.</p>	DF
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Derived fee: \$8.50 per page over 51 pages

Note 1: Reading fees are only payable where the material has been directly supplied by the report requestor. A fee is not payable for the reading of case notes, clinical material or any other material that is not directly supplied by the report requestor.

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### Permanent impairment assessor – travel for examinations

PIA60	General practitioners or specialists: permanent impairment assessor travel, a full day attendance at a venue more than 100 kilometres from the Adelaide GPO for the purpose of providing a permanent impairment report.	\$128.40
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PIA62	General practitioners or specialists: permanent impairment assessor – cancellation of an attendance at a venue more than 100 kilometres from the Adelaide GPO.	\$205.60
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PIA64	General practitioners or specialists: permanent impairment assessor accommodation – overnight accommodation including meals and incidentals.	\$115.30
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PIA66	General practitioners or specialists: permanent impairment assessor motor vehicle travel – travel by motor vehicle, to and from a venue for the purpose of an appointment made by the report requestor.	ATO Rates
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PIA68	General practitioners and specialists: permanent impairment assessor aircraft travel – travel by aircraft, to and from a venue for the purpose of an appointment made by the report requestor.	Economy Airfare
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Note 1: The first 50 kilometres of any travel is not chargeable.

Note 2: If an assessor is travelling for the purpose of conducting more than one permanent impairment assessment, the travel fees must be apportioned accordingly.

Note 3: 'A full day' as per item PIA60 refers to a stay of more than five hours at the venue including travel time.

Note 4: ATO rates means the rate, applicable to the type of motor vehicle in which the assessor travelled, published by the Australian Taxation Office as the rate per kilometre that may be claimed as a deduction for business travel expenses incurred in the previous financial year.

Note 5: Economy airfare means the amount determined by WorkCover to be the reasonable cost of undertaking the travel using a standard economy airfare.