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Legislative history

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

These regulations may be cited as the Civil Liability Regulations 2013.

3—Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

accredited health professional means a person who is accredited under a scheme established by the designated Minister under section 76(2) of the Act;

Act means the Civil Liability Act 1936;

AMA 5 means the 5th edition of the *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* published by the American Medical Association;

consequential mental harm does not include psychiatric impairment;

designated Minister has the same meaning as in section 76 of the Act;

GEPIC means The guide to the evaluation of Psychiatric Impairment for Clinicians prepared by MWN Epstein, G Mendelson and NHM Strauss as published in the Victorian Government Gazette on 8 May 2008;

GEPIC rating, in relation to pure mental harm, means a rating in accordance with the GEPIC for the psychiatric impairment caused by the mental harm;

highest range means the range of ISVs having the highest maximum ISV;

injured person means a person who claims damages in respect of personal injury arising from an MVA motor accident;

insurer includes the nominal defendant;

ISV means injury scale value;

Le Fort I fracture means a horizontal segmented fracture of the alveolar process of the maxilla;

Le Fort II fracture means a unilateral or bilateral fracture of the maxilla—

- (a) in which the body of the maxilla is separated from the facial skeleton and pyramidal in shape; and
- (b) that may extend through the body of the maxilla down the midline of the hard palate, through the floor of the orbit and into the nasal cavity;

Le Fort III fracture means a fracture in which the entire maxilla and 1 or more facial bones are completely separated from the brain case;

medical expert, in relation to an assessment of a GEPIC rating, means a person—

- (a) who is registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*
 - (i) to practise in the medical profession; and
 - (ii) holding specialist registration as a psychiatrist; and

 (b) who has successfully completed a course of training in the use of the GEPIC under a scheme determined by the Minister for the purposes of these regulations;

permanent impairment, in relation to an injury, means the impairment an injured person has, or is likely to have, after maximal medical improvement within the meaning of AMA 5;

psychiatric impairment means pure mental harm;

range, in relation to an ISV for an injury, means the range of ISVs for the injury set out in Schedule 1:

relevant MVA motor accident means the MVA motor accident that results in the personal injury that is relevant for the purposes of the application of these regulations in relation to a particular person;

whole person impairment, in relation to an injury, means an estimate, expressed as a percentage, of the impact of a permanent impairment caused by the injury on the injured person's overall ability to perform activities of daily living, as described by AMA 5, other than employment.

Part 2—Injury scale values

4—Injury scale value

- If general damages are to be awarded by a court in relation to an injury that results from an MVA motor accident occurring on or after 1 July 2013, the court must in assessing the ISV—
 - (a) assess the ISV under any rules prescribed by these regulations; and
 - (b) have regard to the ISVs given to cases involving the same or similar injuries.
- (2) An ISV assessment must not be undertaken until—
 - (a) the injury has stabilised; and
 - (b) a medical assessment of the injured person has been undertaken by an accredited health professional and a report provided under regulation 23.
- (3) However, a medical assessment by an accredited health professional is not required if—
 - (a) no health professional who is qualified to undertake the assessment has been accredited under the scheme established by the designated Minister under section 76(2) of the Act; or
 - (b) the insurer and the injured person reach an agreement that such an assessment is not required; or
 - (c) a court determines that such an assessment is not required.

5—Medical assessments before injury has stabilised

If a medical assessment of a person is undertaken for the purposes of determining an ISV but the health professional undertaking the assessment is of the opinion that, because the person's injury has not yet stabilised, the ISV is not able to be determined—

- (a) the health professional must provide a report to that effect; and
- (b) the insurer is liable for any costs associated with the assessment and report where the insurer has requested or approved the assessment.

6—Rules for assessing ISV

- (1) This Part and Schedule 1 provide the rules under which a court must assess the ISV for an injury.
- (2) Schedule 1 provides the ranges of ISVs for particular injuries that the court is to consider in assessing the ISV for those injuries.
- (3) For an injury not mentioned in Schedule 1, a court, in assessing an ISV for the injury, may have regard to the ranges prescribed in Schedule 1 for other injuries of comparable severity.

7—ISV must be a whole number

An ISV assessed by a court must be expressed as a whole number (a number having a fraction of half or more being rounded up to the nearest whole number).

8—Injury mentioned in Schedule 1

- (1) In assessing the ISV for an injury mentioned in the injury column in the table in Schedule 1, a court must consider the range of ISVs stated in the Schedule for the injury.
- (2) The range of ISVs for the injury reflects the level of adverse impact of the injury on the injured person.

9—Court to have regard to certain matters

(1) In addition to providing ranges of ISVs for particular injuries, Schedule 1 sets out provisions relevant to using the Schedule to assess an ISV for particular injuries.

Examples of relevant provisions—

- (a) examples of the injury
- (b) examples of factors affecting ISV assessment
- (c) comments about appropriate level of ISV
- (2) In assessing an ISV, a court—
 - (a) must have regard to provisions referred to in subregulation (1) to the extent they are relevant in a particular case; and
 - (b) may have regard to other matters to the extent they are relevant in a particular case.

- (3) Without limiting subregulation (2), a court may have regard to—
 - (a) the injured person's age, life expectancy, pain, suffering and loss of amenities of life; and
 - (b) the effects of a pre-existing condition of the injured person; and
 - (c) difficulties in life likely to have emerged for the injured person whether or not the injury happened; and
 - (d) with respect to assessing an ISV for multiple injuries, the range for, and other provisions of Schedule 1 in relation to, an injury other than the dominant injury of the multiple injuries; and
 - (e) the extent to which the injured person has refused treatment that could lead to a significant improvement in the level of impairment caused by that injury or condition, reasons for any refusal of treatment, and any evidence provided by a health professional as to the likely effect of treatment.

10—Whole person impairment

The extent of whole person impairment is an important consideration, but not the only consideration, affecting the assessment of an ISV.

11—Multiple injuries

- (1) Subject to regulation 12, in assessing the ISV for multiple injuries, a court must consider the range of ISVs for the dominant injury.
- (2) To reflect the level of adverse impact of multiple injuries on an injured person, the court may assess the ISV for the multiple injuries as being higher in the range of ISVs for the dominant injury of the multiple injuries than the ISV the court would assess for the dominant injury only.

Note-

This regulation acknowledges that—

- (a) the effects of multiple injuries commonly overlap, with each injury contributing to the overall level of adverse impact on the injured person; and
- (b) if each of the multiple injuries were assigned an individual ISV and these ISVs were added together, the total ISV would generally be too high.

12—Multiple injuries and maximum dominant ISV inadequate

- (1) This regulation applies if a court considers the level of adverse impact of multiple injuries on an injured person is so severe that the maximum ISV for the dominant injury is inadequate to reflect the level of impact.
- (2) To reflect the level of impact, the court may make an assessment of the ISV for the multiple injuries that is higher than the maximum ISV for the dominant injury.
- (3) However, the ISV for the multiple injuries—
 - (a) must not be more than 100; and
 - (b) should rarely be more than 25% higher than the maximum ISV for the dominant injury.
- (4) If the increase is more than 25% of the maximum dominant ISV, the court must give written reasons for the increase.

13—Consequential mental harm

- (1) This regulation applies if a court is assessing an ISV where an injured person suffers consequential mental harm following a physical injury.
- (2) The court must treat the consequential mental harm merely as a feature of the injury.

14—Pure mental harm

- (1) This regulation applies if—
 - (a) a court is assessing an ISV; and
 - (b) a GEPIC rating for psychiatric impairment of an injured person is relevant under Schedule 1.
- (2) A GEPIC rating may be accepted by the court only if it is—
 - (a) an assessment of pure mental harm; and
 - (b) assessed by a medical expert; and
 - (c) provided to the court in a GEPIC report.

15—Pre-existing conditions

- (1) This regulation applies if an injured person has a pre-existing condition that may be relevant to assessing an ISV.
- (2) In considering the effect of the injury on the pre-existing condition, the court may have regard only to the extent to which the pre-existing condition has been made worse by the injury.

16—Medical report stating whole person impairment percentage

If a medical report states a whole person impairment percentage, it must state how the percentage is calculated, including—

- (a) the clinical findings; and
- (b) how the impairment is calculated; and
- (c) if the percentage is based on criteria provided under AMA 5—
 - (i) an identification of the relevant provisions of AMA 5; and
 - (ii) if a range of percentages is available under AMA 5 for an injury of the type being assessed—the reason for assessing the injury at the selected point in the range.

17—Greater weight to assessments based on AMA 5

- (1) This regulation does not apply to a medical assessment of scarring or of mental harm.
- (2) In assessing an ISV, a court must, unless it considers there is good reason for doing otherwise, give greater weight to a medical assessment of a whole person impairment percentage based on the criteria for the assessment of whole person impairment provided under AMA 5 than to a medical assessment of a whole person impairment percentage not based on the criteria.

Part 3—Damages in respect of gratuitous services

18—Determination of State average weekly earnings (section 58 of Act)

For the purposes of assessing damages to be awarded in respect of gratuitous services under section 58 of the Act in respect of a particular period, *State average weekly earnings* are to be determined by applying the relevant male *Full-time Adult Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings* for South Australia as published, from time to time, by the Australian Statistician.

19—Damages in respect of gratuitous services (section 58(4)(b) of Act)

- (1) For the purposes of assessing damages awarded to allow for the recompense of gratuitous services of a parent, spouse, domestic partner or child, the rate prescribed under section 58(4)(b) of the Act is \$25 per hour (indexed).
- (2) The amount applying under subregulation (1) (and followed by the word "(indexed)") is to be adjusted on 1 July of each year, beginning on 1 July 2014, by multiplying the stated amount by a proportion obtained by dividing the Consumer Price Index for the March quarter of that year by the Consumer Price Index for the March quarter 2013.

Part 4—Assessment of motor vehicle injuries

Division 1—Attendance at medical examinations

20—Attendance at medical examinations

- (1) An injured person must—
 - (a) submit himself or herself to any medical examination or assessment by a health professional selected or nominated by the insurer that the insurer may require; and
 - (b) within 21 days of consulting a health professional in relation to the injury to which the claim relates, or such longer period as may be reasonable in the circumstances of the case or as the insurer may allow, inform the insurer, by notice in writing, of—
 - (i) the name of the health professional; and
 - (ii) the day on which the consultation occurred; and
 - (c) within 21 days of receiving a written report from a health professional consulted by the person in relation to the injury, or such longer period as may be reasonable in the circumstances of the case, send a copy of that report to the insurer.
- (4) Where a written report is obtained by the insurer on the findings made, or the opinions formed, by a health professional on the examination or assessment of an injured person under subregulation (1)(a), the insurer must, within 21 days of receiving the report, send a copy of the report to the injured person.

Division 2—Additional provisions relating to accredited health professionals

21—Definition of health professional (section 76(16) of Act)

Neuropsychologists are a class of persons brought within the ambit of the definition of *health professional* under section 76 of the Act.

22—Provision of information to accredited health professionals

A request for an examination or assessment made to an accredited health professional for the purposes of an ISV assessment must be accompanied by a copy of each of the following:

- (a) any relevant medical history, records or notes provided by the injured person's medical practitioner (if available);
- (b) any relevant hospital notes;
- (c) any other medical information so far as it is relevant to the injured person's claim;
- (d) any documents required by rules of court or practice directions.

23—Reports by accredited health professionals

- (1) An accredited health professional who is sent a request for an examination or assessment must provide a written report to the insurer within 30 days of the examination or assessment which gives an opinion with respect to—
 - (a) diagnosis; and
 - (b) prognosis; and
 - (c) injury stability; and
 - (d) whether the injury is consistent with the stated cause; and
 - (e) the effect of the MVA motor accident on any pre-existing injury and the extent to which it has been made worse by the injury; and
 - (f) the effect of the MVA motor accident on any subsequent injury and the extent to which it has been made worse by the injury; and
 - (g) whether the assessment was based on AMA5 or other criteria with detailed reasons; and
 - (h) in a case of pure mental harm—the GEPIC rating with detailed reasons; and
 - (i) if relevant, the whole person impairment; and
 - (j) the ISV item number; and
 - (k) any other relevant matter if the insurer and injured person reach agreement.
- (2) A report provided under subregulation (1) must be in a form determined by the designated Minister (and include any information required by that form).
- (3) The insurer must, on receipt of a report under this Division, provide the injured person to whom the assessment relates with a copy of the report within 21 days.

Division 3—Related matters

24—Court requirements with respect to reports

A medical report prepared under these regulations with respect to a claim in relation to personal injury damages must comply with any relevant rules of court or practice directions.

25—Liability of insurer for certain costs (section 76(9) of Act)

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), the insurer is liable for the payment of—
 - (a) the cost of an examination or assessment required under regulation 20(1)(a) and the report to the insurer on the examination or assessment; and
 - (b) the cost of any other examination or assessment conducted by a health professional, and the report to the insurer on the examination or assessment, where the insurer authorised or approved the examination or assessment before it was conducted.
- (2) If an injured person fails, without reasonable cause, to attend an examination as required under this Part—
 - (a) the insurer may request that the injured person makes payment of any cancellation fees incurred because of the injured person's non attendance; and
 - (b) if a request is made, the injured person is liable to pay for any fees incurred by the insurer (and the insurer may set this off against any liability for payment of damages or compensation).

Schedule 1—Ranges of injury scale values

Item No	Injury	Ra	nge			
Part 1—(Central nervous system and head injuries					
1 Quadriplegia						
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	80	100			
	Presence and extent of pain					
	Extent of any residual movement					
	Consequential mental harm					
	Level of function and pre-injury function					
	Degree of independence					
	Ability to participate in daily activities, including employment					
	Presence and extent of secondary medical complications					
	 Loss of reproductive or sexual function 					
	Bowel or bladder incontinence					
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate only if the injured person has assisted ventilation, extreme physical limitation and gross impairment of ability to communicate.					

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2	Paraplegia		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	60	80
	Presence and extent of pain		
	Extent of any residual movement		
	Consequential mental harm		
	 Level of function and pre-injury function 		
	Degree of independence		
	 Ability to participate in daily activities, including employment 		
	 Loss of reproductive or sexual function 		
	Bowel or bladder incontinence		
	Presence and extent of secondary medical complications		
3	Hemiplegia or severe paralysis of more than 1 limb	T	
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale for item 3 The same examples apply as for item 2.		
	Additional comment for item 3 Incomplete paralyses causing whole person impairment of less than 40% must be assessed under orthopaedic injuries if it is the only injury or the dominant injury of multiple injuries.		
3.1	Complete or nearly complete paralysis	60	80
3.2	Other paralysis, causing whole person impairment of at least 40%	45	60
4	Monoplegia		
	Comment See items 5, 6 and 7 and orthopaedic injuries section.		
5	Extreme brain injury		
	Comment The injury will involve major trauma to the brain with severe permanent impairment for which there is radiological evidence	71	100
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate only if the injured person needs full-time nursing care and has the following— 		
	 gross disturbance of brain function 		
	 significant physical limitation and destruction of pre-existing lifestyle 		
	• epileptic seizures		
	double incontinence		
	little or no language function		
	little or no meaningful response to environment		
	 An injured person with an injury for which an ISV at or near the top of the range is appropriate may have some ability to follow basic commands, recovery of eye opening, return of postural reflex movement and return to pre-existing sleep patterns. 		

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	Examples of fac	ctors affecting ISV assessment for item 5:		
	• Degre	e of insight		
	• Life e	xpectancy		
	• Extent	t of bodily impairment		
6	Serious brain i	njury		
		son will be very seriously disabled and substantially depends on ssional and other care	56	70
	Example of the Serious brain da	injury mage causing—		
	(a) physic	cal impairment, for example, limb paralysis; or		
	(b) cognit persor	ive impairment with marked impairment of intellect and nality		
	Examples of fac	ctors affecting ISV scale		
	• Life e	xpectancy		
	• Extent	t of physical limitations		
	• Extent	t of cognitive limitations		
		t of sensory impairment, for example, loss of hearing or sense of or smell		
	• Level	of function and pre-existing function		
	• Degre	e of independence		
	• Ability	y to communicate		
	• Behav	ioural or psychological changes		
		ssy confirmed by EEG or evidenced through a requirement for ylactic medication for 6 months		
	• Preser	nce of and extent of secondary medical complications		
	An ISV at or nesubstantially dep	at appropriate level of ISV are the top of the range will be appropriate only if the injured person pends on others and needs professional and other care, that is, not care and more than 6 hours of care per day		
7	Moderate brain	ı injury		
		son will be seriously disabled, but the degree of the injured person's others, although still present, is lower than for an item 6 injury.		

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	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	Life expectancy		
	• Extent of physical limitations		
	• Extent of cognitive limitations		
	 Extent of sensory limitation, for example, limitation of hearing or sense of taste or smell 		
	 Level of function and pre-existing function 		
	Degree of independence		
	Ability to communicate		
	Behavioural or psychological changes		
	 Epilepsy or a high risk of epilepsy confirmed by EEG or requiring prophylactic medication for 6 months 		
	Presence of, and extent of, secondary medical complications		
7.1	An ISV in this item will be applicable if there is no capacity for employment, and 1 or more of the following:	41	55
	 moderate to severe cognitive impairment 		
	 marked personality change 		
	 dramatic effect on speech, sight or other senses 		
	 epilepsy or a high risk of epilepsy confirmed by EEG or evidenced through a requirement for prophylactic medication for 6 months. 		
7.2	An ISV in this item will be applicable if there is an increased risk of epilepsy confirmed by EEG requiring prophylactic medication for 6 months and—	21	40
	a moderate cognitive impairment		
	 loss of, or greatly reduced capacity for, employment 		
	noticeable interference with lifestyle		
8	Minor brain injury		
	Comment An ISV under this item will be applicable if there is evidence of physical injury causing the brain damage. The injured person will make a good recovery and be able to take part in normal social life and to return to work. There may be minor problems persisting that prevent a restoration of normal function	6	20
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	 Severity of any physical injury causing the brain damage, having regard to— 		
	(a) any medical assessment made immediately after the injury was caused, for example, CT or MRI scans, an ambulance officer's assessment or hospital emergency unit assessment; and		
	(b) significant post-traumatic amnesia.		
	 Extent of any ongoing, and possibly permanent, disability 		
	Extent of any personality change		
	• Depression		

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	•	Extent of physical limitations		
	•	Extent of cognitive limitations		
	•	Extent of sensory limitation, for example, limitation of hearing or sense of taste or smell		
	•	Level of function and pre-existing function		
	•	Degree of independence		
	•	Ability to communicate		
	•	Behavioural or psychological changes		
	•	Presence of, and extent of, secondary medical complications		
		nt about appropriate level of ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if:		
	•	the injured person has epilepsy or an increased risk of epilepsy confirmed by EEG and the use of prophylactic medication; and		
	•	there is on-going reduced concentration and memory, or reduced mood control, that does not significantly interfere with the person's ability to take part in normal social life or return to work.		
	Minor h	ead injury, other than a skeletal injury of the facial area		
	Comme Brain da	nt mage, if any, is minimal.	0	5
	Exampl	es of the injury		
	•	Uncomplicated skull fracture		
	•	Concussion with transitory loss of consciousness and no residual effects		
	Exampl	es of factors affecting ISV scale		
	•	Severity of any physical injury causing brain damage		
	•	Length of time to recover from any symptoms		
	•	Extent of ongoing symptoms		
	•	Presence, or absence of, headaches		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV		
	•	An ISV at the bottom of the range will be applicable for an injury from which the injured person fully recovers within a few weeks		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is an uncomplicated skull fracture and/or there are associated concussive symptoms of dizziness, headache and memory loss (usually persisting for less than 6 months)		
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	This Par	comment t includes references to ratings on the psychiatric impairment scale, Guide valuation of Psychiatric Impairment for Clinicians (GEPIC).		

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10	Extreme psychiatric impairment		
	Example of the injury An ISV score in the lower part of the range will be appropriate if psychiatric impairment is assessed with a GEPIC rating of Class 5.	41	65
11	Serious psychiatric impairment		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV under this item will be applicable if psychiatric impairment is assessed with a GEPIC rating of Class 4.	26	40
12	Moderate psychiatric impairment		
	Comment There is generally only moderate impairment.	8	25
	Example of the injury An ISV score in this range will be appropriate if psychiatric impairment is assessed with a moderate GEPIC rating of Class 3		
13	Minor psychiatric impairment		
	Comment There is generally only mild impairment.	0	7
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV near the top of the range will be applicable if psychiatric impairment is assessed with a mild GEPIC rating of Class 2. An ISV near the bottom of the range will be applicable if psychiatric impairment is assessed with a GEPIC rating of Class 1.		
Part 3—F	acial injuries		
Division 1	—Skeletal injuries of the facial area		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 14 to 22		
	Extent of skeletal or functional damage		
	Degree of cosmetic damage or disfigurement		
	Consequential mental harm		
	Availability of cosmetic repair		
14	Extreme facial injury		
	Comment The injury will involve severe traumatic injury to the face requiring substantial reconstructive surgery.	26	45
	Examples of the injury		
	A Le Fort I fracture or Le Fort II fracture if the degree of incapacity and disfigurement after reconstructive surgery will be very severe		
	A Le Fort III fracture causing incapacity in daily activities		
	Additional example of factor affecting ISV scale The extent of any neurological impairment or effect on the airway		
	Note—		
	Le Fort I fracture, Le Fort II fracture and Le Fort III fracture are defined in regulation 3.		

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15	Serious facial injury		
	Comment The injury will involve serious traumatic injury to the face requiring reconstructive surgery that is not substantial.	14	25
	Examples of the injury	İ	
	A Le Fort I fracture or Le Fort II fracture if the degree of incapacity and disfigurement after reconstructive surgery will not be very severe		
	A Le Fort III fracture if no serious deformity will remain after reconstructive surgery		
	A serious or multiple fracture of the nasal complex either or both—	Ì	
	(a) requiring more than 1 operation; and	Ì	
	(b) causing 1 or more of the following—	Ì	
	permanent damage to the airway	İ	
	 permanent damage to nerves or tear ducts 	İ	
	facial deformity.	İ	
	 A serious cheekbone fracture that will require surgery and cause serious disfigurement and permanent effects despite reconstructive surgery, for example, hyperaesthesia or paraesthesia 		
	A very serious multiple jaw fracture that will—	İ	
	(a) require prolonged treatment; and	İ	
	(b) despite reconstructive surgery, cause permanent effects, for example, severe pain, restriction in eating, paraesthesia or a risk of arthritis in the joints.		
	 A severed trunk of the facial nerve (7th cranial nerve), causing total paralysis of facial muscles on 1 side of the face 		
	Additional examples of factors affecting ISV scale	İ	
	Any neurological impairment or effect on the airway	İ	
	Permanent cosmetic deformity	İ	
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV	İ	
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the injury causes permanent cosmetic deformity, asymmetry of 1 side of the face and limited consequential mental harm. 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury causes serious bilateral deformity and significant consequential mental harm. 		
16	Moderate facial injury		
	Examples of the injury	6	13
	A simple cheekbone fracture, requiring minor reconstructive surgery, from which the injured person will fully recover with little cosmetic damage		
	A fracture of the jaw causing—	İ]
	(a) permanent effects, for example, difficulty in opening the mouth	İ	

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		or in eating; or		
		(b) hyperaesthesia or paraesthesia in the area of the fracture.		
	•	Damaged branches of the facial nerve (7th cranial nerve) with permanent paralysis of some of the facial muscles		
	•	A displaced fracture of the nasal complex from which the injured person will almost fully recover after surgery		
	•	A severed sensory nerve of the face with minor permanent paraesthesia		
17	Minor f	acial injury		
	Exampl	es of the injury	0	5
	•	A simple cheekbone fracture, for which surgery is not required and from which the injured person will recover fully		
	•	A simple jaw fracture, requiring immobilisation and from which the injured person will recover		
	•	A stable fracture of the joint process of the jaw		
	•	A displaced fracture of the nasal complex requiring only manipulation		
	•	A simple undisplaced fracture of the nasal complex, from which the injured person will fully recover		
	•	A severed sensory nerve of the face, with good repair causing minimal or no paraesthesia		
18	Injury t	o teeth or gums		
	Comme There w	nt ill generally have been a course of treatment as a result of the injury.		
	Exampl	es of factors affecting ISV scale		
	•	Extent and degree of discomfort during treatment		
	•	Difficulty with eating		
	If protra	nt about appropriate level of ISV cted dentistry causes the injury, the ISV may be higher than the ISV for injury caused by something else.		
18.1	Loss of a	or serious damage to more than 3 teeth, serious gum injury or serious gum	6	12
18.2	Loss of a	or serious damage to 2 or 3 teeth, moderate gum injury or moderate gum	3	5
18.3	Loss of a	or serious damage to 1 tooth, minor gum injury or minor gum infection	0	2
Division 2	2—Scarrii	ng to the face		
	This Div	comments vision will usually apply to an injury involving skeletal damage only if the damage is minor		
19	Extreme	e facial scarring		
		es of the injury	21	50
	•	Widespread area scarring, for example, over the side of the face or another whole area		
	•	Severe contour deformity		

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	•	Significant deformity of the mouth or eyelids with muscle paralysis or tic		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV		
	•	An ISV in the upper half of the range may be appropriate if the injured person is relatively young, the cosmetic damage is very disfiguring and the consequential mental harm is severe		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury is caused by burns that resulted in loss of the entire nose, eyelids or ears.		
20	Serious	facial scarring		
	Exampl	es of the injury	11	20
	•	Substantial disfigurement and significant consequential mental harm		
	•	Discoloured hypertrophic or keloid scarring		
	•	Serious contour defects		
	•	Severe linear scarring		
	•	Extensive atrophic scarring		
21	Modera	te facial scarring		1
		nt sequential mental harm is minor, or having been considerable at the outset, tly diminished.		
	Exampl	es of the injury	6	10
	•	Scarring, the worst effects of which will be reduced by plastic surgery that will leave minor cosmetic damage		
	•	Scars crossing lines of election with discoloured, indurated, hypertrophic or atrophic scarring, of moderate severity		
22	Minor f	acial scarring		
	Exampl	es of the injury	0	5
	•	A single scar able to be camouflaged		
	•	More than 1 very small scar if the overall effect of the scars is to mar, but not markedly to affect, appearance and consequential mental harm is minor		
	•	Almost invisible linear scarring, in lines of election, with normal texture and elevation		
Part 4—I	njuries af	fecting the senses		
Division 1	-Genera	al comment		
	Injuries :	mentioned in this Part are commonly symptoms of brain and nervous njury		
Division 2	2—Injurie	es affecting the eyes		
23	Total si	ght and hearing impairment		
	Comme The inju	nt ry ranks with the most devastating injuries.	90	100

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	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	• Degree of insight		
	Age and life expectancy		
24	Total sight impairment		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	50	80
	Degree of insight		
	Age and life expectancy		
25	Complete sight impairment in 1 eye with reduced vision in the other eye	Ī	
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is serious risk of further significant deterioration in the remaining eye.	25	50
26	Complete sight impairment in 1 eye or total loss of 1 eye		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	26	30
	 The extent to which the injured person's activities are adversely affected by the impairment or loss 		
	 Associated scarring or cosmetic damage 		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is a minor risk of sympathetic ophthalmia.		
27	Serious eye injury		
	Examples of the injury	11	25
	 A serious but incomplete loss of vision in 1 eye without significant risk of loss or reduction of vision in the other eye 		
	An injury causing double vision that is not minor and intermittent		
28	Moderate eye injury	T	
	Example of the injury Minor but permanent impairment of vision in one eye, including if there is double vision that is minor and intermittent	6	10
29	Minor eye injury		
	Examples of the injury	0	5
	A minor injury, for example, from being struck in the eye, exposed to smoke or other fumes or being splashed by liquids—		
	(a) causing initial pain and temporary interference with vision; and		
	(b) from which the injured person will fully recover within a relatively short time		
Division 3	—Injuries affecting the ears		
30	Extreme ear injury		
	Definition of injury The injury involves a binaural hearing loss of at least 80%.	36	55
	Additional examples of factors affecting ISV scale		

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	 Associated problems, for example, severe tinnitus, moderate vertigo, a moderate vestibular disturbance or headaches 					
	 Availability of hearing aids or other devices that may reduce the hearing loss 					
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury happened at an early age so as to prevent or to seriously affect the development of normal speech					
31	Serious ear injury					
	Definition of injury The injury involves—	26	35			
	(a) a binaural hearing loss of at least 50% but less than 80%; or					
	(b) severe permanent vestibular disturbance.					
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV					
	 An ISV in the lower half of the range will be appropriate if there is no speech impairment or tinnitus 					
	 An ISV in the upper half of the range will be appropriate if there is speech impairment and tinnitus. 					
32	Moderate ear injury					
	Definition of injury The injury involves—	11	25			
	(a) a binaural hearing loss of at least 20% but less than 50%; or					
	(b) significant permanent vestibular disturbance.					
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there are problems associated with the injury, for example, severe tinnitus, moderate vertigo, a moderate vestibular disturbance or headaches.					
33	Minor ear injury					
	Definition of injury The injury involves a binaural hearing loss of less than 20%.					
	Comment					
	• This item covers the bulk of hearing impairment cases					
	• The injury is not to be judged simply by the degree of hearing loss					
	• There will often be a degree of tinnitus present					
	 There may also be minor vertigo or a minor vestibular disturbance causing loss of balance 					
	A vestibular disturbance may increase the level of ISV.					
33.1	Moderate tinnitus and hearing loss	6	11			
33.2	Mild tinnitus with some hearing loss	4	5			
33.3	Slight or occasional tinnitus with slight hearing loss or an occasional vestibular disturbance, or both	0	3			

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Division 4	—Impair	ment of taste or smell		
34	Total los	ss of taste or smell, or both		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV	6	9
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there will be a total loss of either taste or smell		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there will be a total loss of both taste and smell.		
35	Partial l	oss of smell or taste, or both		
l	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV	0	5
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there will be a partial loss of either taste or smell		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there will be a partial loss of both taste and smell.		
Part 5—II	njuries to	internal organs		
Division 1	—Chest i	njuries		
		e of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 36 to 39		
36	Extreme	e chest injury		
	the organ	nt ry will involve severe traumatic injury to the chest, or a large majority of ns in the chest cavity, causing a high level of disability and ongoing problems.	46	65
	An ISV removal	nt about appropriate level of ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there will be total of 1 lung or serious heart damage, or both, with serious and prolonged suffering and significant permanent scarring.		
37	Serious	chest injury		
		nt ry will involve serious traumatic injury to the chest or organs in the chest ausing serious disability and ongoing medical problems.		
	Example	es of the injury	21	45
		a to 1 or more of the following, causing permanent damage, physical y and impairment of function—		
	•	the chest (eg the chest wall mechanics with consequent restrictive ventilatory impairment)		
	•	the heart		
	•	1 or both of the lungs (eg scarring or restrictive pleural disease)		
	•	the diaphragm (eg rupture or phrenic nerve injury)		
	•	an injury that causes the need for oxygen therapy for about 16 to 18 hours a day		
		e of factors affecting ISV scale I for a permanent tracheostomy		

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	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if, after recovery, there are both of the following—				
	(a) serious impairment to cardio-pulmonary function;				
	(b) whole person impairment for the injury of, or of nearly, 40%.				
38	Moderate chest injury				
	Example of the injury The injury will involve serious traumatic injury to the chest or organs in the ches cavity, causing moderate disability and ongoing medical problems	t 11	20		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale				
	 Duration and intensity of pain and suffering (eg chronic inter costal neuralgia) 				
	 The degree of permanent impairment of lung or cardiac function, as evidenced by objective test results 				
	 The need for a temporary tracheostomy for short-term airway management 				
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be applicable if there are multiple rib fractures causing—				
	 (a) a flail segment (flail chest) requiring mechanical ventilation in the acut stage; and 	9			
	(b) moderate permanent impairment of cardio-pulmonary function.				
	An ISV at near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there will be a partial loss of a breast without significant consequential mental harm.	ા			
	An ISV in the lower half of the range will be appropriate if there was a pneumothorax, or haemothorax, requiring intercostal catheter insertion.				
39	Minor chest injury				
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale for items 39.1 and 39.2				
	complexity of any fractures				
	extent of injury to underlying organs				
	extent of any disability				
	duration and intensity of pain and suffering				
39.1	Complicated or significant fracture, or internal organ injury, that substantially r	esolves			
	Comment The injury will involve significant or complicated fractures, or internal injuries, that cause some tissue damage but no significant long-term effect on organ function.	5	10		
	Examples of the injury				
	Multiple fractures of the ribs or sternum, or both, that may cause cardio-pulmonary contusion				
	 Internal injuries that cause some tissue damage but no significant long-term effect on organ function 				

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	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is a fractured sternum that substantially resolves, and there is some ongoing pain and activity restriction 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury causes significant persisting pain and significant activity restriction. 		
39.2	Soft tissue injury, minor fracture or minor internal organ injury		
	Comment	0	4
	• The injury will involve a soft tissue injury, minor fracture, or minor and non-permanent injury to internal organs		
	• There may be persistent pain from the chest, for example, from the chest wall or sternochondral or costochondral joints.		
	Examples of the injury		
	 A single penetrating wound, causing some tissue damage but no long-term effect on lung function 		
	 An injury to the lungs caused by the inhalation of toxic fumes or smoke that will not permanently interfere with lung function 		
	 A soft tissue injury to the chest wall, for example, a laceration or serious seatbelt bruising 		
	 Fractured ribs or a minor fracture of the sternum causing serious pain and disability for weeks, without internal organ damage or permanent disability 		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is a soft tissue injury from which the injured person will fully recover.		
Division 2	—Lung injury other than asthma	ı	
	General comments The level of an ISV for lung disease often reflects the fact that the disease is worsening and there is a risk of the development of secondary medical conditions.		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 40 to 43 Consequential mental harm may increase the level of ISV		
40	Extreme lung injury		
	Examples of the injury	46	65
	 Lung disease involving serious disability causing severe pain and dramatic impairment of function and quality of life 		
	• A recurrent pulmonary embolism resulting in failure of the right side of the heart requiring a lung transplant, heart transplant or both		
	Additional examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	• Age		
	 Likelihood of progressive worsening 		
	Duration and intensity of pain and suffering		

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41	Serious lung injury					
41.1	Serious lung injury if progressive worsening of lung function					
	Example of item 41.1 Lung disease, causing—	25	45			
	significantly reduced and worsening lung function					
	 prolonged and frequent coughing 					
	• restriction of physical activity, employment and enjoyment of life.					
	Additional examples of factors affecting ISV scale for item 41.1					
	The possibility of lung cancer developing may increase the level of ISV					
	The need for continuous oxygen therapy					
41.2	Serious lung injury if no progressive worsening of lung function					
	Examples of item 41.2	11	24			
	 Lung disease causing breathing difficulties, short disabling breathlessness, requiring frequent use of inhaler 					
	 Lung disease causing a significant effect on employment and social life, including inability to tolerate a smoky environment, with an uncertain prognosis 					
	A recurrent pulmonary embolism causing pulmonary hypertension and cor pulmonale					
42	Moderate lung injury					
	Example of the injury A pulmonary embolism requiring anticoagulant therapy for at least 1 year or pulmonary endarterectomy	6	11			
43	Minor lung injury					
	Examples of the injury	0	5			
	Lung disease causing slight breathlessness, with—					
	(a) no effect on employment; and					
	(b) the likelihood of substantial and permanent recovery within a few years after the injury is caused					
	 A pulmonary embolism requiring anticoagulant therapy for less than 1 year 					
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV under this item will also will be appropriate if there is lung disease causing temporary aggravation of bronchitis, or other chest problems, that will resolve within a few months.					
Division 4	—Injuries to male reproductive system					
	General comment					
	 This Division applies to injuries caused by physical trauma rather than as a secondary result of psychiatric impairment 					
	 For psychiatric impairment that causes loss of reproductive system function, (see psychiatric impairment) 					

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	•	Sterility i	is usually either—		
		(a)	caused by surgery, chemicals or disease; or		
		(b)	caused by a traumatic injury that is often aggravated by scarring.		
	Exampl	es of facto	ors affecting ISV assessment for items 44 to 47		
	•	Conseque	ential mental harm		
	•	Effect on	social and domestic life		
44	Impoter	nce and ste	erility		ı
	Additio	nal examp	oles of factors affecting ISV scale	5	37
	•	Age			
	•	Whether	the injured person has children		
	•	Whether	the injured person intended to have children or more children		
44.1	Comme	nt about a	appropriate level of ISV		
	•		at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if a young erson has total impotence and loss of sexual function and		
	•	injured p	n the upper half of the range will be appropriate if a young erson without children has uncomplicated sterility, without se or any aggravating features		
	•		near the middle of the range will be appropriate if a middle-aged erson with children has sterility and permanent impotence		
	•	with child	n lower half of the range will be appropriate if an injured person dren may have intended to have more children and has icated sterility, without impotence or any aggravating features		
	•		at or near the bottom of the range will be applicable if the has little impact.		
45	Loss of	part or all	of the penis		
	Comme	nt about a	appropriate level of ISV	5	25
	•	Extent of	f penis remaining		
	•	Availabil	lity of prosthesis		
	•	Extent to	which sexual activity will be possible		
46		both testic 44 where	cles sterility results	5	37
47	Loss of	1 testicle			
			ole of factors affecting ISV scale mage or scarring	2	11
	An ISV	at or near t	appropriate level of ISV the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the injury does not be capacity.		
Division 5	—Injurie	s to femal	e reproductive system		
		comment			

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	 This Division applies to injuries caused by a secondary result of psychiatric impairment 					
	 For psychiatric impairment that causes loss function, (see psychiatric impairment). 	of reproductive system				
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for i	tems 48 to 49				
	• Extent of any physical trauma					
	Whether the injured person has children					
	Whether the injured person intended to have	e children or more children				
	• Age					
	• Scarring					
	Depression or consequential mental harm					
	Effect on social and domestic life					
48	Infertility					
48.1	Infertility causing severe effects					
	Example Infertility with severe depression, anxiety and pain	16	35			
48.2	Infertility causing moderate effects					
	Example Infertility without any medical complication if the inj	ured person has children	15			
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An injury under this item is applicable even if there is	s consequential mental harm				
48.3	Infertility causing minor effects					
	Example Infertility if—	0	8			
	(a) the injured person was unlikely to have had because of age; and	children, for example,				
	(b) there is little or no consequential mental har	rm				
49	Any other injury to the female reproductive system	n				
49.1	Injury to female genitalia or reproductive organs, or	both				
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV	3	25			
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be caused the early onset of menopause or irregular. 					
	 An ISV at or near the middle of the range we causes: 	vill be appropriate if the injury				
	 development of a prolapse or fistu 	ula				
	a laceration or tear with good repart	air.				
49.2	Female impotence					
	Comment The injury may be correctable by surgery.	5	15			

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	Additional examples of factors affecting ISV scale The level of sexual function or the extent of any corrective surgery		
49.3	An injury causing an inability to give birth by normal vaginal delivery, for example pelvic ring disruption or deformity	, becau	se of
	Comment	4	15
	The injury may be correctable by surgery.		
49.4	Reduced fertility, caused by, for example, trauma to ovaries or fallopian tubes	2	11
Division 6	—Injuries to digestive system		
Subdivisio	on 1—Upper digestive tract		
50	Extreme injury to the digestive system caused by trauma		
	Examples of the injury	19	40
	• Severe permanent damage to the upper digestive system, with ongoing debilitating pain and discomfort, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting that—		
	(a) are not controllable by drugs; and		
	(b) causes weight loss of at least 15%.		
	An injury to the throat requiring a permanent gastrostomy		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is an injury to the oropharynx/oesophagus (throat) requiring a temporary gastrostomy for more than 1 year and permanent dietary changes, for example, a requirement for a soft food diet 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is an injury to the oropharynx/oesophagus (throat) requiring a permanent gastrostomy, with significant ongoing symptoms. 		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	 the extent of any voice or speech impairment 		
	need for ongoing endoscopic procedure		
51	Serious injury to the digestive system caused by trauma		
	Examples of the injury A serious injury causing long-term complications and requiring continuous medication	11	18
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	The extent of any ongoing voice or speech impairment		
	 Whether a feeding tube was required, and if so, for how long it was required 		
	Urgent and/or uncontrolled bowel use		
	An ISV under this item is applicable if a feeding tube is required for between 3 and 12 months		
52	Moderate injury to the digestive system caused by trauma		
	Examples of the injury	6	10
	A blunt trauma or a penetrating stab wound, causing some permanent		-

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		tissue damage, but with no significant long-term effect on digestive function		
	•	An injury requiring a feeding tube for less than 3 months		
	Exampl	e of factors affecting ISV scale		
	•	Whether a feeding tube was required, and if so, for how long it was required		
	•	Whether dietary changes are required to reduce the risk of aspiration because of impaired swallowing		
53	Minor i	njury to the digestive system caused by trauma		ı
	Exampl	es of the injury	0	5
	•	A soft tissue injury to the abdomen wall, for example, a laceration or serious seatbelt bruising to the abdomen or flank, or both		
	•	A minor injury to the throat or tongue causing temporary difficulties with swallowing or speech		
	•	A laceration of the tongue requiring suturing		
Subdivisi	on 2—Inj	uries to the digestive system not caused by trauma		
54	term or o ongoing short-ter	a marked difference between those comparatively rare cases having a long even permanent effect on quality of life and cases in which the only symptom is an allergy, for example, to specific foods, that may cause millness. e injury to the digestive system not caused by trauma		
54			13	35
		e of the injury oxicosis—	13	33
	(a)	causing serious acute pain, vomiting, diarrhoea and fever, requiring hospitalisation for days or weeks; and		
	(b)	also causing 1 or more of the following:		
		ongoing incontinence		
		• haemorrhoids		
		irritable bowel syndrome; and		
	(c)	having a significant impact on the capacity for employment and enjoyment of life.		
	An ISV chronic	ent about appropriate level of ISV in the lower half of the range will be appropriate if the injury causes a infection that requires prolonged hospitalisation that will not resolve after a treatment for a year.		
55	Serious	injury to the digestive system not caused by trauma		
	Constan	les of the injury t abdominal pain, causing significant discomfort, for up to 18 months by a delay in diagnosis of an injury to the digestive system	6	12
		ent about appropriate level of ISV		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is an adverse response to the administration of a drug that—		

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		(a)	requires admission to an intensive care unit; and		
		(b)	does not cause any permanent impairment; and		
		(c)	causes the need for ongoing drug therapy for life.		
	•	An ISV in infection—	the upper half of the range will be appropriate if a chronic		
			requires prolonged hospitalisation and additional treatment; and		
		(b)	will be resolved by antibiotic treatment within 1 year.		
	•		or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is e response to the administration of a drug that—		
		(a) 1	requires admission to an intensive care unit; and		
		(b)	does not cause any permanent impairment; and		
		(c)	does not cause the need for ongoing drug therapy for life.		
56	Modera	te injury to	the digestive system not caused by trauma		
	Exampl	es of the in	jury	3	5
	•		on that is resolved by antibiotic treatment, with or without treatment in hospital, within 3 months after the injury is		
	•		e response to the administration of a drug, causing any of the continuing over a period of more than 7 days, and requiring ation:		
		(a)	vomiting;		
		(b)	shortness of breath;		
		(c)	hypertension;		
		(d)	skin irritation		
57	Minor i	njury to the	e digestive system not caused by trauma		
	Exampl	es of the in	jury	0	2
	•	Disabling	pain, cramps and diarrhoea, ongoing for days or weeks		
	•		d infection, requiring antibiotic treatment, that heals within fter the start of treatment		
	•	following	e response to the administration of a drug, causing any of the continuing over a period of not more than 7 days, and not hospitalisation:		
		(a)	vomiting;		
		(b)	shortness of breath;		
		(c)	hypertension;		
		(d)	skin irritation		
	•		nt abdominal pain for up to 6 months caused by a delay in of an injury to the digestive system		

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Division 7	—Kidney or ureter injuries		
	General comment An injury to a ureter or the ureters alone, without loss of, or serious damage to, a kidney will generally be assessed under items 60 or 61.		
	Examples of factor affecting ISV assessment for items 58 to 61		
	• Age		
	Risk of ongoing kidney or ureter problems, complications or symptoms		
	Need for future medical procedures		
58	Extreme injury to kidneys or ureters		
58.1	Loss of both kidneys causing loss of renal function and requiring permanent dialysis or transplant	56	75
58.2	Serious damage to both kidneys, requiring temporary or intermittent dialysis	31	55
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	 The effect of dialysis and loss of kidney function on activities of daily living 		
	 The length of time for which dialysis was required or the frequency of intermittent dialysis 		
	 Ongoing requirement for medication, for example, to control blood pressure 		
	 Whether the injury caused the need for dietary changes 		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if dialysis was required for an initial 3 months period, with intermittent dialysis required after that 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury required dialysis for about 1 year and ongoing dietary changes and medication. 		
59	Serious injury to kidneys or ureters		
	Comment The injury may require temporary dialysis for less than 3 months.	19	30
	Example of the injury Loss of 1 kidney if there is severe damage to, and a risk of loss of function of, the other kidney		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV The higher the risk of loss of function of the other kidney, the higher the ISV.		
60	Moderate injury to kidneys or ureters	· •	
	Examples of the injury	12	18
	• Loss of 1 kidney, with no damage to the other kidney		
	 An injury to a ureter or the ureters that requires surgery or placement of stents 		

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61	Minor injury to kidneys or ureters		
	Example of the injury A laceration or contusion to 1 or both of the kidneys confirmed by imaging	0	11
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	• An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is an injury to a kidney causing a contusion		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if a partial removal of a kidney is required 		
Division 8	—Liver, gall bladder or biliary tract injuries		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment		
	Whether there are recurrent episodes of infection or obstruction		
	Whether there is a risk of developing biliary cirrhosis		
62	Extreme injury to liver, gall bladder or biliary tract		
	Example of the injury Loss, or injury causing effective loss of liver function	51	70
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there are recurrent episodes of liver failure that require hospital admission and medical management but do not require liver transplantation 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury requires liver transplantation 		
63	Serious injury to liver, gall bladder or biliary tract		
	Example of the injury Serious damage causing physical loss of over 30% of the tissue of the liver, but with some functional capacity of the liver remaining	36	50
64	Moderate injury to liver, gall bladder or biliary tract		
	Example of the injury A laceration, contusion or trauma damage to the liver, with a moderate permanent effect on liver function, confirmed from imaging	11	35
	The removal of the gall bladder that causes ongoing symptoms		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the injury causes impaired liver function with symptoms of intermittent nausea and vomiting and weight loss 		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will also be appropriate if there is a gall bladder injury with recurrent infection or symptomatic stone disease, the symptoms of which may include, for example, pain or jaundice 		
	 An ISV at or near the middle of the range will be appropriate if the injury involves removal of the gall bladder causing a bile duct injury 		
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—		
	(a) surgery is required to remove not more than 30% of the liver; or		

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	(b) bile ducts require repair, for example, placement of stents.					
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will also be appropriate if there i an injury to the gall bladder, that despite biliary surgery, causes ongoin symptoms, infection or the need for further endoscopic surgery 					
65	Minor injury to liver, gall bladder or biliary duct					
	Comment An injury within this item should not require surgery to the liver.	3	10			
	Example of the injury A laceration or contusion to the liver, with a minor effect on liver function and confirmed from imaging					
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV in the lower half of the range will be appropriate if there is an uncomplicated removal of the gall bladder with no ongoing symptoms.					
Division 9	—Bowel injuries					
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 66 to 69					
	• Age					
	 Risk of ongoing bowel problems, complications or symptoms 					
	Need for future surgery					
	 The degree to which dietary changes are required to manage chronic pa or diarrhoea caused by the injury 	in				
66	Extreme bowel injury					
	Example of the injury An injury causing a total loss of natural bowel function and dependence on colostomy	41	60			
67	Serious bowel injury	•				
	Example of the injury A serious abdominal injury causing either or both of the following:	19	40			
	 impairment of bowel function (which often requires permanent or long-term colostomy, leaving disfiguring scars); 					
	(b) permanent restrictions on employment and diet and/or requiring nutritional supplements					
68	Moderate bowel injury		Ī			
	Example of the injury	7	18			
	(a) the injury requires temporary surgical diversion of the bowel, for example, an ileostomy or colostomy; and					
	(b) there is ongoing intermittent abnormal bowel function requiring medication; and					
	(c) some loss of bowel, weight loss and permanent restriction on diet and/or requiring nutritional supplements	or				
69	Minor bowel injury					
	Example of the injury An injury causing tears to the bowel, with minimal ongoing bowel problems	3	6			

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Division 1	0—Bladder, prostate or urethra injuries		r
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 70 to 73		
	• Age		
	 Risk of ongoing bladder, prostate or urethra problems, complications or symptoms 		
	Need for future surgery		
70	Extreme bladder, prostate or urethra injury		ı
	Example of the injury An injury causing a complete loss of bladder function and control, with permanent dependence on urostomy	40	60
71	Serious bladder, prostate or urethra injury		T
	Example of the injury An injury causing serious impairment of bladder control, with some incontinence	19	39
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV in the upper half of the range will be appropriate if there is serious ongoing pain.		
72	Moderate bladder, prostate or urethra injury		
	Example of the injury An injury causing continued impairment of bladder control, with minimal incontinence and minimal pain	7	18
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be applicable if—		
	 an ongoing requirement for minor surgery, for example, cystoscopy or urethral dilation; or 		
	other surgery due to being unresponsive to treatment		
73	Minor bladder, prostate or urethra injury		1
	Example of the injury A bladder injury that may require conservative intermittent medical treatment for which surgery is not required and from which the injured person will fully recover	3	6
Division 1	1—Spleen and pancreas injuries		
74	Injuries to the pancreas		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	11	35
	 The extent of any ongoing risk of internal infection and disorders, for example, diabetes 		
	 The need for, and outcome of, further surgery, for example, surgery to manage pain caused by stone disease, infection or an expanding pseudocyst 		
	 An ISV at or near the middle of the range will be appropriate if there are chronic symptoms, for example, pain or diarrhoea, and weight loss 		
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—		
	(a) there are chronic symptoms with significant weight loss of between 10% and 20% of body weight, and pancreatic enzyme replacement is required; or		

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	(b) an injury to the pancreas causes diabetes.					
75	Loss of spleen (complicated)					
	Example of the injury Loss of spleen if there will be a risk, that is not minor, of ongoing internal infection and disorders caused by the loss					
	Comment					
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury leads to a splenectomy, with portal vein thrombosis after the splenectomy 					
	• An ISV at or near the middle of the range will be appropriate if—					
	(a) the injury leads to a splenectomy, with serious infection after the splenectomy; and					
	(b) the infection requires surgical or radiological intervention					
76	Injury to the spleen or uncomplicated loss of spleen		1			
	Example of the injury Laceration or contusion to the spleen that—	0	7			
	(a) has been radiologically confirmed;					
	(b) has no ongoing bleeding;					
	(c) is managed conservatively; and					
	(d) resolves fully		i			
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there has been removal of the spleen (splenectomy), with little or no risk of ongoing infections and disorders caused by the loss of the spleen.					
Division 1	2—Hernia injuries					
77	Severe hernia					
	Example of the injury An incisional hernia if after repair there is either or both—	11	20			
	(a) ongoing pain; and					
	(b) a restriction on physical activities, sport or employment					
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at the top of the range will be appropriate if—					
	(a) the incisional hernia is reoccurring; and					
	(b) has a whole of person impairment of 10% or more					
78	Moderate hernia					
	Example of the injury An incisional hernia that after repair has some real risk of recurring in the short-term	6	10			
79	Minor hernia					
	Example of the injury An uncomplicated incisional hernia, whether or not repaired	0	5			

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	rthopaedic injuries		
Division 1	—Cervical spine injuries		
	General comment for items 80 to 84 This Division does not apply to the following injuries (that are dealt with in items 1 to 3):		
	• quadriplegia		
	• paraplegia		
	hemiplegia or severe paralysis of more than 1 limb.		
	There must be clinical findings present at the time of examination.		
	Clinical findings must be consistent with radiological objective evidence where present.		
	 Cervical spine injuries, other than those dealt with in items 1 to 3, range from cases of very severe disability to cases of a minor strain, with no time off work and symptoms only suffered for 2 or 3 weeks 		
	Symptoms associated with nerve root compression or damage cannot be taken into account in assessing an ISV under items 80 to 82 unless objective signs are present of a permanent nerve root compression or damage, or other specific imaging findings as defined—		
	 CT and/or MRI scans or other appropriate imaging evidence of disc herniation (as distinct from merely a disc bulge and/or annular tear), and residual and corresponding objective neurological impairment, for example— 		
	sensory loss		
	loss of muscle strength and/or corresponding atrophy		
	impaired reflexes		
80	Extreme cervical spine injury		
	Comment These are extremely severe injuries that cause gross limitation of movement and serious interference with performance of daily activities. The injury will involve significant upper or lower extremity impairment and may require the use of an adaptive device or prosthesis	41	75
	Examples of the injury		
	A total neurological loss at a single level		
	Severe multilevel neurological dysfunction		
	Structural compromise of the spinal canal with extreme upper or lower extremity motor and sensory impairments		
	 Fractures involving more than 50% compression of a vertebral body with neural compromise 		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment of about 35% 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is a cervical spine injury causing monoplegia of the dominant upper limb and whole person impairment of at least 60%. 		

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1	Serious	cervical s	pine injury			
	Comment			16	40	
	•	The injury of the cervical spine will cause serious neurological upper extremity impairment or serious permanent impairment of the cervical spine for which there is radiological evidence				
	•	The injury may involve—				
		(a)	a change of motion segment integrity; or			
		(b)	bilateral or multilevel nerve root compression or damage; or			
		(c)	a fracture involving more than 25% compression of 1 vertebral body or a fusion (either traumatic or post-surgical);or			
		(d)	an injury showing objective signs of nerve root damage after surgery.			
		les of the i	njury a motion segment because of a surgical or post-traumatic fusion			
	Comme	ent about a	appropriate level of ISV			
	•	An ISV	at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if—			
		(a)	the injured person has had surgery and symptoms persist; or			
		(b)	there is a fracture involving 25% compression of 1 vertebral body.			
	•		in the middle of the range will be appropriate if there is a involving about 50% compression of a vertebral body, with pain			
	•	An ISV	at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—			
		(a)	the injured person has had a fusion of vertebral bodies that has failed, leaving objective signs of significant residual nerve root damage and ongoing pain, affecting 1 side of the body; and			
		(b)	there is whole person impairment of about 28%.			
2	Moderate cervical spine injury—fracture, disc prolapse (herniated disc) or nerveroot compression or damage					
	Comme An ISV		m will be appropriate if—	5	15	
	(a)	there is a herniated disc for which there is radiological evidence corresponding to an anatomically correct level of objective neurological impairment; and				
	(b)	there are symptoms of pain and 3 or more of the following objective signs that are anatomically localised to an appropriate spinal nerve root distribution:				
		(i)	sensory loss;			
		(ii)	loss of muscle strength and/or corresponding atrophy;			
		(iii)	impaired reflexes;			
		(iv)	unilateral atrophy; and			
	(c)	the impa	irment has not improved after non-operative treatment			

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	Moderate cervical spine injury—soft tissue injury		
	Comment The injury will cause moderate permanent impairment, for which there is a clinical history and examination findings that are compatible with a specific injury for which there will be 2 or more objective signs.		10
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at the top half of the range is appropriate if there is a whole of person impairment of 8% caused by a traumatic soft tissue injury		
84	Minor cervical spine injury		
	Comment		
	 Injuries within this item include a whiplash injury with minor ongoing symptoms, and/or dysfunction including symptoms, remaining for more or expected to remain more than 18 months after the injury is caused; and 		
	• There are no objective signs of a neurological impairment (for example, a radiculopathy) at the time of assessment.		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	A low range ISV under this item will be applicable if the injury will resolve within months after the injury is caused; and		
	 A high range ISV under this item will be applicable if, the injury causes persistent headaches, significant neck stiffness and some ongoing pain and/or dysfunction 		
Division 2	—Thoracic spine or lumbar spine injuries		
	General comments		
	• This Division does not apply to the following injuries (that are dealt with in items 1 to 3):		
	• quadriplegia		
	• paraplegia		
	hemiplegia or severe paralysis of more than 1 limb.		
	• Thoracic or lumbar spine injuries, other than those dealt with in items 1 to 3, range from cases of very severe disability to cases of a minor strain, with no time off work and symptoms suffered only for 2 or 3 weeks		
	Symptoms associated with nerve root compression or damage cannot be taken into account in assessing an ISV under item 85 to 87 unless objective signs are present of nerve root compression or damage, for example—		
	CT or MRI scans or other radiological evidence		
	muscle wasting		
	 clinical findings of deep tendon reflex loss, motor weakness and loss of sensation. 		
	There must be clinical findings present at the time of examination.		
	Clinical findings must be consistent with radiological objective evidence where present.		

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85	Extreme thoracic or lumbar spine injury		
	Comment These are extremely severe injuries causing gross limitation of movement and serious interference with performance of daily activities. There may be some motor or sensory loss, and some impairment of bladder, ano-rectal or sexual function.	36	60
	Example of the injury A fracture involving compression of a thoracic or lumbar vertebral body of more than 50%, with neurological impairment		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 25% 		
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of at least 45%.		
86	Serious thoracic or lumbar spine injury		
	Comment		
	• The injury will cause serious permanent impairment in the thoracic or lumbar spine		
	The injury may involve—		
	(a) bilateral or multilevel nerve root damage; or		
	(b) a change in motion segment integrity, for example, because of surgery.		
	Example of the injury A fracture involving at least 25% compression of 1 thoracic or lumbar vertebral body		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV	16	35
	• An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if—		
	(a) the injured person has had surgery and symptoms persist; or		
	(b) there is a fracture involving 25% compression of 1 vertebral body.		
	 An ISV in the middle of the range will be appropriate if there is a fracture involving 50% compression of a vertebral body, with ongoing pain 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injured person has had a fusion of vertebral bodies that has failed— 		
	(a) leaving objective signs of significant residual nerve root damage and ongoing pain, affecting 1 side of the body; and		
	(b) causing whole person impairment of 24%.		
87	Moderate thoracic or lumbar spine injury—fracture, disc prolapse or nerve recompression or damage	ot	
	Comment An ISV for this item will be appropriate if—	5	15
	(a) there is a herniated disc for which there is radiological evidence corresponding to an anatomically correct level of objective neurological impairment; and		

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	(b)	there are symptoms of pain and 3 or more of the following objective signs that are anatomically localised to an appropriate spinal nerve root distribution—		
		(i) sensory loss;		
		(ii) loss of muscle strength, and/or corresponding atrophy;		
		(iii) impaired reflexes;		
		(iv) unilateral atrophy; and		
	(c)	the impairment has not improved after non-operative treatment.		
88	Modera	te thoracic or lumbar spine injury—soft tissue injury		
	history a which th Comme An ISV	ry will cause moderate permanent impairment, for which there is a clinical and examination findings that are compatible with a specific injury for here will be 2 or more objective signs. Int about appropriate level of ISV at the top half of the range is appropriate if there is a whole of person hent of 8% caused by a traumatic soft tissue injury	5	10
89	Minor t	horacic or lumbar spine injury		
	Exampl	e of the injury ssue injury of the thoracic or lumbar spine with no—	0	4
	•	significant clinical findings		
	•	fractures		
	•	documented neurological impairment		
	•	significant loss of motion segment integrity		
	•	other objective signs of impairment relating to the injury		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate, whether or not the injured person continues to suffer some ongoing pain, if the injury will substantially reach maximum medical improvement, with only minor symptoms, within about 18 months after the injury is caused		
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the injury will resolve without any ongoing symptoms within months after the injury is caused		
Division 3	Should	ler injuries		
	Injuries	l comments under items 90 to 93 include subluxations or dislocations of the avicular joint, acromioclavicular joint or glenohumeral joint.		
	•	Soft tissue injuries may involve the musculoligamentous supporting structures of the joints		
	•	Fractures may involve the clavicle, the scapula (shoulder blade) and the humerus		
	An ISV	at or near the top of the range will generally only be appropriate if the to the shoulder of the dominant upper limb.		

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90	Extreme shoulder injury		
	Comment These are the most severe traumatic injuries causing gross permanent impairment.	31	50
	Examples of the injury		
	A severe fracture or dislocation, with secondary medical complications		
	 Joint disruption with poor outcome after surgery 		
	• Degloving		
	Permanent nerve palsies		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment of 45% and complete loss of all shoulder function of the dominant upper limb.		
91	Serious shoulder injury		
	Comment The injury will involve serious trauma to the shoulder causing serious permanent impairment.	16	30
	Examples of the injury		
	A crush injury		
	 A serious fracture with secondary arthritis 		
	 Nerve palsies from which the injured person will partially recover 		
	• Established non-union of a clavicular or scapular fracture despite open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF)		
	 Established non-union of a clavicular or scapular fracture if surgery is not appropriate or not possible, and there is significant functional impairment 		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 25% and the injury is to the dominant upper limb.		
92	Moderate shoulder injury		
92.1	Comment An ISV under this item will be applicable if there is a whole of person impairment of 10—12%	11	15
	Examples of the injury		
	• Traumatic adhesive capsulitis with discomfort, limitation of movement and symptoms persisting or expected to persist for about 2 years		
	 Permanent and significant soft tissue disruption, for example, from tendon tears or ligament tears 		
	 A fracture, from which the injured person has made a reasonable recovery, requiring open reduction and internal fixation 		
	Nerve palsies from which the injured person has made a good recovery		
	 Painful persisting dislocation of the acromioclavicular joint 		
	 An injury to the sternoclavicular joint causing permanent, painful instability 		

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	Comment about the appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the injury is to the non-dominant upper limb 		
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury is to the dominant upper limb		
92.2	Comment An ISV under this item will be appropriate if there is a whole person impairment for the injury of less than 10%	6	10
	Examples of the injury		
	• Traumatic adhesive capsulitis with discomfort, limitation of movement and symptoms persisting or expected to persist for about 2 years		
	 Permanent and significant soft tissue disruption, for example, from tendon tears or ligament tears 		
	Nerve palsies from which the injured person has made a good recovery		
	 Painful persisting dislocation of the acromioclavicular joint 		
	 An injury to the sternoclavicular joint causing permanent, painful instability 		
	Comment about this level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the injury is to the non-dominant upper limb 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injury is to the dominant upper limb 		
93	Minor shoulder injury	1	1
	Examples of the injury	0	5
	 Soft tissue injury with considerable pain from which the injured person makes an almost full recovery in less than 18 months 		
	 Fracture from which the injured person has made an uncomplicated recovery 		
	Strain injury of the acromioclavicular joint or sternoclavicular joint		
Division 4	Amputation of upper limbs	1	ı
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV for items 94 to 95 An ISV at or near the top of the range will generally only be appropriate if the amputation is of the dominant upper limb		
94	Loss of both upper limbs, or loss of 1 arm and extreme injury to the other arm	1	
	Comment The effect of the injury is to reduce the injured person to a state of considerable helplessness	55	85
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	 Whether the amputations are above or below the elbow (the loss of the elbow joint adds greatly to the disability) 		
	• The length of any stump suitable for use with a prosthesis		
	 Severity of any phantom pains 		

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	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	• An ISV of 70 to 85 will be appropriate if—		
	(a) both upper limbs are amputated at the shoulder; or		
	(b) 1 arm is amputated at the shoulder, and there is a loss of function in the other arm, causing whole person impairment of 60%.		
	• An ISV of 65 to 80 will be appropriate if—		
	(a) both upper limbs are amputated through the elbow or above the elbow but below the shoulder; or		
	(b) 1 arm is amputated through the elbow or above the elbow but below the shoulder, and there is a loss of function in the other arm, causing whole person impairment of 57%.		
	• An ISV of 55 to 75 will be appropriate if—		
	(a) both upper limbs are amputated below the elbow; or		
	(b) 1 arm is amputated below the elbow, and there is a loss of function in the other arm, causing whole person impairment of 54%.		
95	Loss of 1 upper limb		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment		
	 Whether the amputation is above or below the elbow (the loss of the elbow joint adds greatly to the disability) 		
	Whether the amputation was of the dominant arm		
	• The length of any stump suitable for use with a prosthesis		
	 Severity of any phantom pains 		
	Extent of any disability in the other arm		
95.1	An upper limb amputation at the shoulder	50	65
95.2	An upper limb amputation through the elbow or above the elbow but below the shoulder	40	65
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will generally be appropriate if there is an amputation through the elbow 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is a short stump because a short stump may create difficulties in the use of a prosthesis 		
95.3	An upper limb amputation below the elbow	35	60
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is an amputation through the forearm with residual severe pain in the stump and phantom pains		
Division 5	—Elbow injuries		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV for items 96 to 99 An ISV at or near the top of the range will generally only be appropriate if the injury is to the elbow of the dominant upper limb		

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96	Extreme elbow injury		
	Comment The injury will involve an extremely severe elbow injury, falling short of amputation, leaving little effective use of the elbow joint	26	50
	Examples of the injury		
	 Whole person impairment for the injury of between 24% and 42% 		
	A complex elbow fracture, or dislocation, with secondary complications		
	 Joint disruption, with poor outcome after surgery 		
	• Degloving		
	Permanent nerve palsies		
	 An injury causing severe limitation of elbow movement with the joint constrained in a non-functional position 		
97	Serious elbow injury	ı	T
	Comment The injury will involve significant disability and require major surgery.	13	25
	Examples of the injury		
	A serious fracture with secondary arthritis		
	A crush injury		
	 Nerve palsies from which the injured person will partially recover 		
	 Permanent, poor restricted range of movement with the elbow constrained in a satisfactory functional position 		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 23% and the injury is to the elbow of the dominant upper limb.		
98	Moderate elbow injury		
	Comment The injury will cause moderate long-term disability but does not require multiple surgeries.	6	12
	Examples of the injury		
	 A fracture, from which the injured person has made a reasonable recovery, requiring open reduction and internal fixation 		
	Nerve palsies from which the injured person has made a good recovery		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 5% 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is a moderately severe injury to the elbow of the dominant upper limb— 		
	(a) requiring prolonged treatment; and		
	(b) causing whole person impairment of 10%.		

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99	Minor elbow injury		
	Comment The injury will cause no permanent damage and no permanent impairment of function.	0	5
	Examples of the injury		
	A fracture with an uncomplicated recovery		
	A soft tissue injury with pain, minor tennis elbow syndrome or lacerations		
Division (5—Wrist injuries		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV for items 100 to 103 An ISV at or near the top of the range will generally only be appropriate if the injury is to the wrist of the dominant upper limb.		
100	Extreme wrist injury		
	Comment The injury will involve severe fractures, or a dislocation, causing a high level of permanent impairment.	25	40
	Examples of the injury		
	A severe fracture or dislocation with secondary joint complications		
	 Joint disruption with poor outcome after surgery 		
	• Degloving		
	Permanent nerve palsies		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 36% and the injury is to the wrist of the dominant upper limb.		
101	Serious wrist injury		
	Examples of the injury	16	24
	 An injury causing significant permanent loss of wrist function, for example, severe problems with gripping or pushing objects, but with some useful movement remaining 		
	Non-union of a carpal fracture		
	Severe carpal instability		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 20% and the injury is to the wrist of the dominant upper limb.		
102	Moderate wrist injury		
102.1	Examples of the injury A wrist injury, confirmed from imaging that causes some permanent disability, for example, some persisting pain and stiffness—	11	15
	Persisting radio-ulnar instability		
	Moderate carpal instability		

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	 Recurren 	t tendon subluxation or entrapment		
	An ISV under this	ent about appropriate level of ISV item will be appropriate if there is a whole person impairment eater than or equal to 10%		
102.2		njury is not serious and causes some permanent disability, for sisting pain and stiffness—	6	10
	 Persisting 	g radio-ulnar instability		
	 Carpal in 	stability		
	• Recurren	t tendon subluxation or entrapment		
	Comment about the An ISV under this for the injury of less	item will be appropriate if there is a whole person impairment		
103	Minor wrist injur	y		
	Examples of the in	njury	0	5
	A fractur	e from which the injured person almost fully recovers		
	• A soft tis	sue injury, for example, severe bruising		
	 Continue 	d pain following carpal tunnel release		
Division 7	—Hand injuries			
		for items 104 to 115 cally and functionally the most important part of the upper		
	Comment about a	ppropriate level of ISV for items 104 to 115		
		opriate ISV for loss of a hand is only a little less than the tel ISV for the loss of the relevant arm		
		at or near the top of the range will generally be appropriate if the to the dominant hand.		
104	Total or effective	loss of both hands		
	Example of the in A serious injury cathan useless	jury using extensive damage to both hands making them little more	51	75
	Examples of facto	rs affecting ISV scale		
	• The level	of residual capacity left in either hand		
	• Severity amputation	of any phantom pains if there has been an amputation or ons		
	Additional commo	ent about appropriate level of ISV		
		at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if both main attached to the forearms and are of some cosmetic ce		
		at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if both hands stated through the wrist.		

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105	Serious injury to both hands				
	Comment The injury will involve significant loss of function in both hands, for example, loss of 50% or more of the use of each hand.	40	50		
106	Total or effective loss of 1 hand				
	Examples of the injury	35	60		
	 A crushed hand that has been surgically amputated or rendered functionally useless 				
	Traumatic amputation of all fingers and most of the palm				
	Example of factor affecting ISV scale Severity of any phantom pain if there has been an amputation				
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV				
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there has been an amputation of the fingers at the metacarpophalangeal joints, but the thumb remains, and there is whole person impairment for the injury of 32% 				
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—				
	(a) there has been amputation of the dominant hand at the wrist; and				
	(b) there is residual severe pain in the stump and ongoing complications, for example, chronic regional pain syndrome or neuroma formation.				
107	Amputation of the thumb or part of the thumb				
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	15	28		
	• The level of amputation, for example, at carpo metacarpal (CMC) joint, through the distal third of the thumb metacarpal, at the metacarpophalangeal (MCP) joint or thumb interphalangeal (IP) joint				
	Whether the injury is to the dominant hand				
	The extent of any damage to the fingers				
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV				
	• An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if—				
	(a) there has been an amputation through the interphalangeal joint of the thumb; and				
	(b) there is whole person impairment for the injury of 11%.				
	• An ISV at or near the middle of the range will be appropriate if there has been an amputation through the proximal phalanx				
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—				
	(a) there has been an amputation at the base of the thumb at the carpometacarpal (CMC) joint level of the dominant hand; and				
	(b) there are ongoing debilitating complications.				
108	Amputation of index, middle and ring fingers, or any 2 of them				
	Comment	15	30		

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	The amputation will cause complete loss or nearly complete loss of 2 or all of the					
	following fingers of the hand:					
	index finger					
	middle finger					
	ring finger					
	little finger					
	Example of factor affecting ISV scale The level of the amputation, for example, whether the hand has been made to be of very little use and any remaining grip is very weak					
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV					
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if 2 fingers, whether index, middle or ring fingers, are amputated at the level of the proximal interphalangeal joints 					
	 An ISV at or near the middle of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 19% 					
	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—					
	(a) the index, middle and ring fingers are amputated at the level of the metacarpophalangeal joint (MCP joint) or there is whole person impairment for the injury of at least 27%; and					
	(b) the injury is to the dominant hand.					
109	Amputation of individual fingers					
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	5	20			
	Whether the amputation was of the index or middle finger					
	The level of the amputation					
	Any damage to other fingers short of amputation					
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV					
	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be applicable if there is complete loss of the index or middle finger of the dominant hand, and serious impairment of the remaining fingers causing whole person impairment of at least 15%					
	An ISV of not more than 10 will be applicable if—					
	(a) there has been an amputation of the index or middle finger at the proximal interphalangeal joint (PIP joint); or					
	(b) there is whole person impairment for the injury of 8%.					
	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be applicable if—					
	(a) there has been an amputation at the level of the distal interphalangeal joint of the little or ring finger; or					
	(b) there is whole person impairment for the injury of 3%.					
110	Amputation of thumb and all fingers					
	Comment As the injury will cause effective loss of the hand, see item 106.					

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111	Any other injury to 1 or more of the fingers or the thumb		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV for items under 111 An ISV of not more than 5 will be appropriate if substantial function of the hand remains.		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV		
	• Whether the injury is to the thumb, or index or middle finger		
	Any damage to other fingers		
	Whether the injury is to the dominant hand		
111.1	Extreme injury to 1 or more of the fingers or the thumb		
	Example of the injury Total loss of function of 1 or more of the fingers, with the joints ankylosed in non-functional positions	16	25
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 14% 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is an injury to the thumb of the dominant hand causing total loss of function of the thumb 		
111.2	Serious injury to 1 or more of the fingers or the thumb		
	Examples of the injury	12	15
	A severe crush injury causing ankylosis of the fingers		
	 A bursting wound, or an injury causing severe finger damage, causing residual scarring and dysfunction 		
	 An injury leaving a digit that interferes with the remaining function of the hand 		
	 Division of 1 or more of the long flexor tendons of the finger, with unsuccessful repair 		
111.3	Moderate injury to 1 or more of the fingers or the thumb		
	Comment There will be permanent discomfort, pain or sensitive scarring	6	11
	Examples of the injury		
	 Moderate injury to the thumb or index finger causing loss of movement or dexterity 		
	• A crush injury causing multiple fractures of 2 or more fingers		
	 Division of 1 or more of the long flexor tendons of the finger, with moderately successful repair 		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV under this item will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 8% and the injury is to the dominant hand.		

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	16	30
Serious permanent tendon damage		
Serious nerve damage		

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	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 20%		
114	Moderate hand injury	ı	
	Examples of the injury	6	15
	A crush injury, penetrating wound or deep laceration, requiring surgery		
	 Moderately serious tendon or nerve damage 		
	 A hand injury causing whole person impairment for the injury of between 5% and 12% 		
115	Minor hand injury	ı	
	Examples of the injury A soft tissue injury, minor fracture or an injury that does not require surgery, with nearly full recovery of hand function	0	5
Division 8	—Upper limb injuries other than shoulder, amputation, elbow, wrist or hand in	juries	
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV for items 116 to 119 An ISV at or near the top of the range will generally only be appropriate if the injury is to the dominant upper limb.		
116	Extreme upper limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 90 to 115		
	Comment The injury will involve an extremely serious upper limb injury, falling short of amputation leaving the injured person little better off than if the whole arm had been lost.	36	65
	Examples of the injury		
	A serious brachial plexus injury affecting peripheral nerve function		
	 A non-union of a fracture, with peripheral nerve damage to the extent that an arm is nearly useless 		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 31% 		
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—		
	(a) there is a complete brachial plexus lesion shown by a flail arm and paralysis of all muscles of the hand; and		
	(b) the injury is to the dominant limb.		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will also be appropriate if there is a serious crush injury that causes whole person impairment for the injury of 55% 		
117	Serious upper limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 90 to 115		
	Examples of the injury	21	35
	 A serious fracture of the humerus, radius or ulna, or any combination of the humerus, radius and ulna, if there is significant permanent residual impairment of function 		
	A brachial plexus injury requiring nerve grafts with partial recovery of shoulder and elbow function and normal hand function		

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	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 16% 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is an injury to the dominant limb causing whole person impairment of 30%. 		
118	Moderate upper limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 90 to 11:	5	
	Examples of the injury		
	 A fracture that causes impairment of associated soft tissues, including nerves and blood vessels 		
	A fracture with delayed union or infection		
	 Multiple fractures of the humerus, radius or ulna, or multiple fractures of any combination of the humerus, radius and ulna 		
118.1	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV under this item will be applicable if there is a crush injury causing significant skin or muscle loss with permanent residual impairment, or there is whole person impairment for the injury of 15%	11	20
118.2	Comment about appropriate level of ISV	6	10
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 6% 		
	 An ISV in the lower half of the range will be appropriate if there is a complicated fracture of the humerus, radius or ulna, or any combination of the humerus, radius and ulna— 		
	(a) requiring open reduction and internal fixation; and		
	(b) from which the injured person has recovered or is expected to recover.		
119	Minor upper limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 90 to 115		1
	Example of the injury An uncomplicated fracture of the humerus, radius or ulna, or any combination of the humerus, radius and ulna, from which the injured person has fully recovered within a short time	0	5
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there are soft tissue injuries, lacerations, abrasions and contusions, from which the injured person will fully or almost fully recover 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is a brachial plexus injury from which the injured person has substantially recovered within a few weeks, leaving some minor functional impairment. 		
Division 9	—Pelvis or hip injuries		
	General comment for items 120 to 123		
	 The most serious injuries to the pelvis or hips can be as devastating as a leg amputation and will have similar ISVs 		
	• However, the appropriate ISV for other injuries to the pelvis or hips will generally be no higher than about 20.		

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	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 120 to 123		
	Exceptionally severe specific sequelae will increase the level of ISV		
	 The availability of remedies, for example, a total hip replacement is an important factor in assessing an ISV 		
	• Age		
120	Extreme pelvis or hip injury		_
	Examples of the injury	46	65
	An extensive pelvis fracture		
	• Degloving		
	Permanent nerve palsies		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 40% 	3	
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the injured person is not able to mobilise without a wheelchair and is relatively young. 		
121	Serious pelvis or hip injury		
	Comment There will be substantial residual disability, for example, severe lack of bladder and bowel control, sexual dysfunction, or deformity making the use of 2 canes of crutches routine.	26 r	45
	Examples of the injury		
	A fracture dislocation of the pelvis involving both ischial and pubic ran	mi	
	 Traumatic myositis ossificans with formation of ectopic bone around the hip 	ne	
	 A fracture of the acetabulum leading to degenerative changes and leg instability requiring an osteotomy, with the likelihood of future hip replacement surgery 		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate for an injury causing whole person impairment for the injury of 20%.	ng	
122	Moderate pelvis or hip injury		
	Examples of the injury	11	25
	A significant pelvis or hip injury, with no major permanent disability		
	A hip fracture requiring a hip replacement		
	 A fracture of the sacrum extending into the sacro-iliac joint causing ongoing significant symptoms and whole person impairment of at least 10% 	ţ	
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV for this item will be appropriate if there is a fracture requiring a hip replacement that is only partially successful, so that there is a clear risk of the ne for revision surgery.	ed	

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	An ISV in this range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 10%.		
123	Minor pelvis or hip injury		1
	Examples of the injury	0	10
	• An uncomplicated fracture of 1 or more of the bones of the pelvis or hip that does not require surgery or cause permanent impairment		
	 Undisplaced coccygeal fractures 		
	 Undisplaced or healed pubic rami fractures 		
	 An injury to the coccyx requiring surgery, that is successful. 		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is a soft tissue injury from which the injured person fully recovers 		
	 An ISV of not more than 7 will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 5% 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the person has ongoing coccydynia and difficulties with sitting. 		
Division 1	0—Amputation of lower limbs		
Subdivisi	on 1—Amputation of both lower limbs		1
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 124 and 125		
	The level of each amputation		
	Severity of any phantom pain		
	Pain in the stumps		
	Extent of any ongoing symptoms		
124	Loss of both lower limbs above or through the knee		ī
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if each amputation is near the hips so neither stump can be used with a prosthesis.	55	70
125	Below the knee amputation of both lower limbs		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV	50	65
	• An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 48%		
	• An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if—		
	 (a) both legs are amputated just below the knees leaving little or no stumps for use with prostheses; 		
	(b) there is poor quality skin cover; and		
	(c) there is a chronic regional pain syndrome.		
Subdivisi	on 2—Amputation of 1 lower limb		1
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 126 and 127		J
	The level of the amputation		j
	Severity of any phantom pain		

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	•	Whether there have been problems with a prosthesis, for example, pain and further damage to the stump		
126	Above o	r through the knee amputation of 1 lower limb		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV	35	50
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the amputation is through or just above the knee		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the amputation is near the hip and a prosthesis cannot be used.		
127	Below th	ne knee amputation of 1 lower limb		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV	31	45
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate in a straightforward case of a below-knee amputation with no complications		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is an amputation close to the knee joint, leaving little or no stump for use with a prosthesis.		
Division 1	1—Lower	r limb injuries other than items 120 to 127 and 132 to 149		
128	Extreme 149	e lower limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 120 to 127	and 1	32 to
		e the most severe injuries short of amputation; leaving the injured person ter off than if the whole leg had been lost.	31	55
	Example	es of the injury		
	•	Extensive degloving of the lower limb		
	•	An injury causing gross shortening of the lower limb		
	•	A fracture that has not united despite extensive bone grafting		
	•	Serious neurovascular injury		
	•	A lower limb injury causing whole person impairment of 40%		
129	Serious 149	lower limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 120 to 127	and 13	2 to
	Comme	nt	21	30
	•	Removal of extensive muscle tissue and extensive scarring may have a significant enough impact to fall within this item		
	•	An injury to multiple joints or ligaments causing instability, prolonged treatment and a long period of non-weight-bearing may have a significant enough impact to fall within this item, but generally only if those results are combined.		
	Multiple	e of the injury complex fractures of the lower limb that are expected to take years to heal e serious deformity and serious limitation of mobility		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV		
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 16%		

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	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 25%.		
130	Modera 149	te lower limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 120 to 12	7 and	132 to
	Exampl	es of the injury	11	20
	•	A fracture causing impairment of associated soft tissues, including nerves and blood vessels		
	•	A fracture with delayed union or infection		
	•	Multiple fractures of the femur, tibia or fibula, or multiple fractures of any combination of the femur, tibia and fibula		
	Exampl	es of factors affecting ISV scale		
	•	Period of non-weight-bearing		
	•	Presence or risk of degenerative change		
	•	Imperfect union of a fracture		
	•	Muscle wasting		
	•	Limited joint movement		
	•	Unsightly scarring		
	•	Permanently increased vulnerability to future damage		
	An ISV thrombo	at about appropriate level of ISV at or near the top of the range will be applicable if there is a deep vein usis requiring treatment for life; or if there is whole person impairment for my of 15%.		
		at or near the bottom of the range will be applicable if there is whole mpairment for the injury of 10%.		
131	Minor l	ower limb injury, other than an injury mentioned in items 120 to 127 a	nd 132	to 14
	An unco	e of the injury omplicated fracture of the femur, tibia or fibula, from which the injured has fully recovered	0	10
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV		
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is a deep vein thrombosis requiring treatment for less than 6 months, from which the injured person will fully recover		
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will also be appropriate if—		
		(a) there are soft tissue injuries, lacerations, cuts, bruising or contusions, from which the injured person will fully or almost fully recover; and		
		(b) any residual disability will be minor.		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is a deep vein thrombosis requiring treatment for at least 1 year		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will also be appropriate if the injured person is left with impaired mobility or a defective gait		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will also be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 9%.		

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Division 1	2—Knee injuries		
	General comment for items 132 to 135 The availability of remedies, for example, a total knee replacement is an important factor in assessing an ISV under this Division.		
132	Extreme knee injury		
	Example of the injury A severe knee injury if there is a disruption of the joint, gross ligamentous damage, loss of function after unsuccessful surgery, lengthy treatment and considerable pain	25	40
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	• An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 20%		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if a total knee replacement was needed and— 		
	(a) it is very likely that the knee replacement will need to be repeated; or		
	(b) there are ongoing severe symptoms, poor function and whole person impairment for the injury of more than 30%.		
133	Serious knee injury		
	Comment The injury may involve—	11	24
	(a) ongoing pain, discomfort, limitation of movement, instability or deformity; and		
	(b) a risk, in the long-term, of degenerative changes caused by damage to the joint surfaces, muscular wasting or ligamentous or meniscal injury.		
	Example of the injury A leg fracture extending into the knee joint, causing pain that is constant, permanent and limits movement or impairs agility		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the middle of the range will be appropriate if there is a ligamentous injury, that required surgery and prolonged rehabilitation, causing whole person impairment of 15% and functional limitation.		
134	Moderate knee injury		
	Examples of the injury A dislocation or torn cartilage or meniscus causing ongoing minor instability, wasting and weakness	6	10
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 8%		
135	Minor knee injury		
	Examples of the injury	0	5
	A partial cartilage, meniscal or ligamentous tear, that recovers with or without surgery		
	A laceration		

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	•	A twisting or bruising injury		
Division 1	3—Ankle	injuries		
		nt about appropriate level of ISV for items 136 to 139 opriate ISV for the vast majority of ankle injuries is 1 or 2.		
136	Extreme	ankle injury		_
	Exampl	es of the injury	21	35
	•	A transmalleolar fracture of the ankle with extensive soft tissucausing 1 or more of the following:	e damage	
		(a) severe deformity with varus or valgus malalignment	;	
		(b) a risk that any future injury to the relevant leg may le below-knee amputation of the leg;	ead to a	
		 (c) marked reduction in walking ability with constant de on walking aids; 	ependence	
		 inability to place the relevant foot for even load-bear distribution. 	ring	
	•	An ankylosed ankle in a severely misaligned position with sevengoing pain and other debilitating complications	ere	
	•	Whole person impairment for the injury of more than 20%		
	Exampl	es of factors affecting ISV scale		
	•	A failed arthrodesis		
	•	Regular disturbance of sleep		
	•	Need for an orthosis for load bearing and walking		
137	Serious	ankle injury		
	An injur	e of the injury requiring a long period of treatment, a long time in plaster or i plates, if—	nsertion of 11	20
	(a)	there is permanent significant ankle instability; or		
	(b)	the ability to walk is severely limited on a permanent basis		
	Exampl	es of factors affecting ISV scale		
	•	Unsightly scarring		
	•	The significance of any malunion		
	•	A requirement for modified footwear		
	•	Whether, and to what degree, there is swelling following activ	ity	
	An ISV	tal comment about appropriate level of ISV under this item will be applicable if there is whole person impair of 10—19%	rment for	
138	Ť	e ankle injury		•
	Example A fractur	es of the injury e, ligamentous tear or similar injury, as evidenced by imaging a e disability, for example—	and causing	10
	•	difficulty in walking on uneven ground		

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	awkwardness on stairs		
	irritation from metal plates		
	residual scarring		
	Additional comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV in this range will be appropriate if there is whole person impairment for the injury of 6—9%		
139	Minor ankle injury	Ī	
	Examples of the injury A sprain, ligamentous or soft tissue injury or minor or undisplaced fracture	0	5
l	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale		
	 Whether the injured person has fully recovered from the injury, and if not, whether there is any tendency for the ankle to give way 		
	Whether there is scarring, aching or discomfort		
Division 1	4—Foot injuries		
Subdivisi	on 1—Amputations		
140	Amputation of both feet		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	32	65
	Severity of any phantom pain		
	• Pain in the stumps		
	 Extent of any ongoing symptoms 		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there are amputations of both feet at the forefoot (transmetatarsal level amputations) 		
	• An ISV of about 40 will be appropriate if there are amputations of both feet at the mid foot (tarsometatarsal level or Lisfranc amputations)		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if each amputation is at the level of the ankle (Syme's amputation) and the stumps cannot be used with prostheses. 		
141	Amputation of 1 foot		1
	Examples of factors affecting ISV scale	20	35
	Severity of any phantom pain		
	• Pain in the stump		
	Extent of any ongoing symptoms		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV		
	 An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if the amputation is at the forefoot (transmetatarsal level amputation) 		
	 An ISV of about 26 will be appropriate if the amputation is at the mid foot (tarsometatarsal level or Lisfranc amputation) 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if the amputation is at the level of the ankle (Syme's amputation) and the stump 		

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rem No	cannot be used with a prosthesis.	Kai	ige
Subdivisio	on 2—Other foot injuries		
142	Extreme foot injury		
	Comment There will be permanent and severe pain or very serious permanent disability.	13	25
	Example of the injury An unusually severe foot injury causing whole person impairment of 15% or more, for example, a heel fusion or loss of the tibia-calcaneum angle		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is subtalar fibrous ankylosis in a severely malaligned position, ongoing pain and whole person impairment for the injury of 24%.		
143	Serious foot injury		
	Examples of the injury	8	12
	A severe midfoot deformity causing whole person impairment of 8%		
	A lower level loss of the tibia-calcaneum angle		
144	Moderate foot injury		
	Example of the injury A displaced metatarsal fracture causing permanent deformity, with ongoing symptoms of minor severity, for example, a limp that does not prevent the injured person engaging in most daily activities	4	7
145	Minor foot injury		
	Examples of the injury A simple metatarsal fracture, ruptured ligament, puncture wound or similar injury	0	3
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV of 2 or less will be appropriate if there is a straightforward foot injury, for example, a fracture, laceration or contusions, from which the injured person will fully recover.		
Division 1	5—Toe injuries		
146	Extreme toe injury		
	Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 146 to 149		
	Whether the amputation was traumatic or surgical		
	• Extent of the loss of the forefoot		
	Residual effects on mobility		
146.1	Amputation of all toes		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV	8	20
	 An ISV at or near the middle of the range will be appropriate if the amputation is through the metatarsophalangeal joints (MTP joints) of all toes 		
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is complete amputation of all toes and amputation of a substantial part of the forefoot. 		

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146.2	Amputation of the great toe				
	Example of factors affecting ISV The level at which the amputation happens or any ongoing symptoms	6	12		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is complete loss of the great toe and ball of the foot caused by an amputation through the first metatarsal bone.				
146.3	Amputation of individual lesser toes				
	Example of factors affecting ISV The level at which the amputation happens or any ongoing symptoms	3	5		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV				
	• An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is an amputation of 1 lesser toe and—				
	(a) there is no ongoing pain; and				
	(b) there is little or no loss of function of the foot; and				
	(c) the cosmetic effect of the amputation is minor.				
	 An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is complete amputation of all lesser toes and part of the forefoot. 				
147	Serious toe injury				
	Comment The injury will cause serious and permanent disability.	8	12		
	Examples of the injury				
	 A severe crush injury causing ankylosis of the toes 				
	 A bursting wound, or an injury causing severe toe damage, with significant symptoms 				
148	Moderate toe injury				
	Comment There will be permanent discomfort, pain or sensitive scarring.	4	7		
	Examples of the injury				
	A moderate injury to the great toe				
	 A crush injury causing multiple fractures of 2 or more toes 				
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there has been more than 1 unsuccessful operation, or there are persisting stabbing pains, impaired gait or similar effects.				
149	Minor toe injury		1		
	Examples of the injury A relatively straightforward fracture or soft tissue injury	0	3		
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV of 1 will be appropriate if there is a straightforward fracture of 1 or more toes with complete resolution within a short time.				

Item No Injury Range Division 16—Limb disorders 150 General comment The ISV for a limb disorder must be assessed having regard to the item of this Schedule that-(a) relates to the part of the body affected by the disorder; and is for an injury that has a similar level of adverse impact to the disorder. (b) Examples of a limb disorder Tenosynovitis (inflammation of synovial sheaths of tendons usually resolving with rest over a short period and sometimes leading to ongoing symptoms of loss of grip and dexterity) Peripheral nerve injury (the constriction of the motor or sensory nerves or thickening of surrounding tissue, for example, carpal tunnel syndrome or sciatica) Epicondylitis (inflammation around the elbow joint, for example, medially (golfer's elbow) or laterally (tennis elbow)) Vascular disorders, for example, deep vein thrombosis Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment Whether the disorder is bilateral or one sided The level of pain, swelling, tenderness or crepitus or other symptoms The capacity to avoid a recurrence of symptoms The ability to engage in daily activities The availability and likely benefit of surgery Whether the disorder is to a dominant or non-dominant limb Part 7—Scarring to parts of the body other than the face General comment This Part applies to external appearance and physical condition of the skin only, and includes scarring to the scalp, trunk and limbs Facial scarring must be assessed under Part 3, Division 3 This Part does not apply to adhesions, or scarring, of internal organs This Part will usually apply to an injury involving skeletal damage only if the skeletal damage is minor Many of the physical injuries mentioned in this Schedule involve some scarring from the initial injury and subsequent surgery, including skin grafting, to repair the injury and this has been taken into account in fixing the range of ISVs for the injuries. Example— The ISV range for an injury causing a closed fracture of a limb takes into account the potential need for open reduction and internal fixation of the fracture and the resulting surgical wound and scar. Examples of factors affecting ISV assessment for items 151 to 154 Location of a scar

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	•	Consequential mental harm		
	•	Likelihood of a scar fading or becoming less noticeable over time		
151	Extrem	e scarring to a part of the body other than the face		
	Comme	nt about appropriate level of ISV	20	25
	•	An ISV at or near the bottom of the range will be appropriate if there is—		
		(a) extensive scarring to 1 or more of the limbs and significant cosmetic disfigurement; and		
		(b) either—		
		(i) the need to keep the limb or limbs covered or wear special clothing; or		
		 (ii) ongoing limitation in the ability to participate in activities because of cosmetic disfigurement or functional impairment. 		
	•	An ISV at or near the top of the range will be appropriate if there is gross permanent scarring over an extensive area or areas of the body, with ongoing pain and other symptoms.		
152	Serious	scarring to a part of the body other than the face		
	Comme There is	ent serious scarring—	12	19
	(a)	requiring extensive medical treatment or surgery; and		
	(b)	causing significant ongoing limitation in the ability to participate in activities because of cosmetic disfigurement or functional impairment.		
	Exampl	es of the injury		
	•	Significant scarring over the upper and lower arm requiring skin grafting if—		
		(a) there are post-operative complications requiring additional medical treatment for up to 18 months; and		
		(b) there is maximum medical improvement within 2 years after the scarring is caused.		
	•	Hypertrophic (keloid) scarring caused by a burn to the front of the neck, with an intermittent sensation of burning, itching or irritation.		
153	Modera	te scarring to a part of the body other than the face		
	Exampl	es of the injury	8	11
	•	Several noticeable scars that are hypertrophic (keloid)		
	•	A significant linear scar in an area of major cosmetic importance, for example, the front of the neck		
154	Minor s	carring to a part of the body other than the face		
	Exampl	es of the injury	0	7
	•	Scarring caused by a superficial burn that heals within a few weeks and causes some minor change of pigmentation in a noticeable area		
	•	A single noticeable scar, or several superficial scars, to 1 or both of the		

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	legs, arms or	hands, with some minor cosmetic damage			
Part 8—I	juries affecting the hai	ir			
155	Extreme injury affecting head hair				
	Example of the injury Total permanent loss of		11	15	
156	Serious injury affecting head hair				
	Example of the injury Damage to head hair—		4	10	
	(a) the physical effect of the damage is—				
	(i) der	matitis; or			
		gling or burning of the scalp, causing dry, brittle hair that aks off or falls out, or both; and			
	(b) the physical e social life	effect leads to depression, loss of confidence and inhibited			
	Comment about appropriate level of ISV An ISV under this item will be appropriate if—				
	(a) thinning cont	inues and prospects of regrowth are poor; or			
	(b) there is a part	tial loss of areas of hair and regrowth is slow.			
157	Moderate injury affect	ting head hair or loss of body hair	1		
	Examples of the injur	y	0	3	
	• Hair that has	been pulled out leaving bald patches			
	The same examoderate syn	ample applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies as for item 156 but with fewer or only approximately applies and applies approximately appro			
	Example of factor affecting ISV scale Length of time before regrowth				
Part 9—Burn injuries					
	Mapped to max body	part			
	General comment				
	• The ISV for a this Schedule	a burn injury must be assessed having regard to the item of that—			
	(a) rela	ates to the part of the body affected by the burn injury; and			
		or an injury that has a similar level of adverse impact to the n injury.			
	• Burns to the face	face must be assessed under the section on scarring to the			
	• In burns cases, the ISV for an injury to a part of the body causing functional impairment will generally be at or near the top of the range for an injury to that part of the body				
		rns cases, the effects of scarring are more comprehensive to be remedied than the effects of scarring from other			

Legislative history

Notes

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