GEPIC WORKSHEET

This worksheet must be used in conjunction with Impairment Assessment Guidelines chapter 16 – Psychiatric and psychological disorders. The worksheet can be downloaded from ReturnToWorkSA's website.

Worksheet Table 1

Class of impairment	1	2	3	4	5
Percentage of impairment	0-5%	10 – 20%	25 – 50%	55 – 75%	Over 75%
MENTAL FUNCTION					
Intelligence (Capacity for understanding)	Normal to Slight	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe
Thinking (The ability to form or conceive in the mind)	Normal to Slight	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe
Perception (The brain's interpretation of internal and external stimuli)	Normal to Slight	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe
Judgement (Ability to assess a given situation and act appropriately)	Normal to Slight	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe
Mood (Emotional tone underlying all behaviours)	Normal to Slight	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe
Behaviour (Behaviour that is disruptive, distressing or aggressive)	Normal to Slight	Mild	Moderate	Moderately Severe	Severe

Reasons for selection of classes

Assessors must write a brief paragraph justifying their selection of each class that is consistent with the findings of the Mental State Examination. This paragraph should be intelligible to an intelligent lay person (see 16.12).

The indicative ranges for each class are as follows:

	Low range	Mid-range	High range
Class 1	0-1%	2-3%	4 – 5%
Class 2	10 – 12%	14 – 16%	18 – 20%
Class 3	25 – 30%	35 – 40%	45 – 50%
Class 4	55 – 60%	65 – 70%	70 – 75%
Class 5	75 – 80%	85 – 90%	95 - 100%

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Determining compensable psychiatric impairment

Determine the median class (the median number is the middle number in a series e.g. 12345, the middle number is 3).

Clas	ses	••••	• • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Clas	ses in order		• • • • • • • • •	•••••••	
Med	dian Class			••••••	
Asse	essment Outcome				
1.	The Median Class i	S		••••••	
2.	The Median Severi	ty Rating is			
3.	The Total Psychiatr	ic Impairment is		%	
4.	Impairments not re	elated to the work injury	=	%	
5.	Impairment from consequential mental harm =			%	
6.	psychiatric impairn	osychiatric impairment is the t nent – unrelated impairment a onsequential mental harm	and	%	
Equals: Compensable impairment from 'pure mental harm' (i.e. impairment that is not secondary to a physical work injury)					