



**PERSONAL INJURY
ASSESSMENT SERVICES**



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A new initiative for our clients

When you are running a smaller claim and have a Domestic Assistance recommendation from a Medical Expert, you can refer to us for the Costs of Care without the expense a full in – home care assessment.

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Vocational Assessment of Economic Loss

Increasingly, calculating economic loss stemming from changes to a person's ability to work requires a Vocational Assessment. Experts from several fields can assist in this matter, but which professional should you choose?

Medical Specialists

A Medical Specialist can give you opinion on proscribed physical movements and recommended physical tolerances. They are however unlikely to be able to provide expert opinion on the state of the labour market. With the possible exception of Occupational Physicians, areas also likely to be outside of their expertise include the specific demands of different occupations.

Psychologists

A Psychologist can tell you where your client sits compared to the norm in regard to cognitive abilities, personality, emotion and aptitude; which can provide support for opinions in regard to suitable work. Generally lacking is in-depth knowledge of the demands of different occupations and how injury affects employability. Labour market analysis is also likely to be inexperienced.

Occupational Therapists

The use of the word "Occupational" in this instance is misleading as it does not refer specifically to paid employment but rather to the broader range of human activities. Most OTs have a hospital or clinical background and their expertise does not generally extend to labour market considerations.

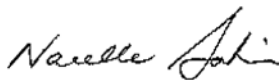
Rehabilitation Counsellors

Rehabilitation Counsellors work daily with injured people to assist them return to occupations suitable in terms of the person's disability, qualifications, skills, aptitudes and interests. They are consequently familiar with the physical and other demands of common occupations. They know the labour market and how injury affects a person's ability to secure and sustain employment.

A Rehabilitation Counsellor who meets the Court's rules in regard to expertise can consequently provide you with a comprehensive expert guide to economic loss arising from physical or psychological injury. They can do this by presenting occupations which represent, realistically, the claimant's residual earning capacity, and by comparing this capacity with an opinion on likely but-for-injury vocational achievements.

If your claimant is faced with a lack of certainty regarding their residual earning capacity or, as is more common, conflicting opinion in regard to this capacity, a Vocational Assessment conducted by one of CDC Service's experts can be relied upon to provide accurate and comprehensive opinion to the highest standard allowing you to have full confidence in the calculation of the quantum of your client's loss.

Kind regards,



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Director

FREE
verbal opinion

To assist you in determining if a VA is a worthwhile investment in your client's case our Expert Rehabilitation Counsellor Ross Girdler is offering a free verbal opinion on residual earning capacity and likely but-for-injury earnings.

Please call our office **1300 798 631** and we will put you in contact with Ross.