

Chapter 19

Partially Contributing Impairment

INTRODUCTION

Partially contributing impairment is to be applied whenever an impairment is not due solely to the effects of accepted conditions.

How to apply partially contributing impairment

Follow the steps below to apply partially contributing impairment:

(Each step is elaborated in the following pages.)

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Step 1: Determine whether partially contributing impairment applies.

Use relevant medical evidence to determine if any non-accepted conditions contribute to the impairment being assessed.

Step 2: Determine the relative contribution of the accepted and non-accepted conditions.

The judgement of the relative contributions should be based on proper medical advice.

The contribution should be expressed in the form:

‘The accepted condition contributes “not at all”, “about one quarter”, “about one third”, “about half”, etc’.

If more than one accepted condition contributes to the relevant impairment rating, the contribution of the accepted conditions is to be treated as a single entity.

If more than one non-accepted condition contributes to the relevant impairment rating, the contribution of the non-accepted conditions may be treated as a single entity.

Step 3: Determine the impairment rating attributable solely to the accepted condition by applying Table 19.2 or Table 19.1.

**Substep
3A**

In the columns of Table 19.2 headed “Impairment Rating” find the impairment rating to which partially contributing impairment is being applied. The row extending to the right of the column in which this figure is written is “The Row” for purposes of substep 3C.

**Substep
3B**

Take the relative contribution to the impairment by the accepted condition, determined in Step 2. In the top row of Table 19.2 find the description of that contribution.

(If the impairment rating used in substep 3A was between 1 and 45 inclusive, the required description of the contribution is to be found in columns 2–8 of Table 19.2. If the impairment rating used in substep 3A was between 46 and 90 inclusive, the required description of the contribution is to be found in columns 10–16 of Table 19.2.)

The column in which this description is written is “The Column” for purposes of substep 3C.

**Substep
3C**

Find the intersection of The Row and The Column. The number written on the intersection is the impairment rating for the accepted condition.

Table 19.1 extracts the highlighted information in Table 19.2 and is provided for the convenience of users.

**SCALE
19.1**



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Contribution by accepted condition	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
<i>Complete</i>	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
<i>About three quarters</i>	0	4	7	11	16	19	24	28	33	37	42	47	52	57	62	68	73	80	86
<i>About two thirds</i>	0	3	7	10	14	18	21	25	29	34	38	43	48	53	58	63	69	76	83
<i>About half</i>	0	3	5	8	11	14	17	20	23	26	29	33	37	41	45	50	55	61	68
<i>About one third</i>	0	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	24	26	29	32	35	38	42
<i>About one quarter</i>	0	1	3	4	5	7	8	10	11	12	14	16	17	19	21	23	25	27	29
<i>Not at all</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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<i>Impairment Rating</i>	<i>Complete</i>	<i>About 3/4</i>	<i>About 2/3</i>	<i>About 1/2</i>	<i>About 1/3</i>	<i>About 1/4</i>	<i>Not at All</i>	<i>Impairment Rating</i>	<i>Complete</i>	<i>About 3/4</i>	<i>About 2/3</i>	<i>About 1/2</i>	<i>About 1/3</i>	<i>About 1/4</i>	<i>Not at All</i>
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	46	46	38	35	27	17	13	0
2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	47	47	39	35	27	18	13	0
3	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	48	48	40	36	28	18	13	0
4	4	3	3	2	1	1	0	49	49	41	37	29	19	14	0
5	5	4	3	3	1	1	0	50	50	42	38	29	19	14	0
6	6	4	4	3	2	2	0	51	51	43	39	30	20	14	0
7	7	5	5	4	2	2	0	52	52	44	40	31	20	15	0
8	8	6	5	4	3	2	0	53	53	45	41	32	21	15	0
9	9	7	6	5	3	2	0	54	54	46	42	32	21	15	0
10	10	7	7	5	3	3	0	55	55	47	43	33	21	16	0
11	11	8	7	6	4	3	0	56	56	48	44	34	22	16	0
12	12	9	8	6	4	3	0	57	57	49	45	35	22	16	0
13	13	10	9	7	4	3	0	58	58	49	46	35	23	17	0
14	14	10	9	7	5	4	0	59	59	51	47	36	23	17	0
15	15	11	10	8	5	4	0	60	60	52	48	37	24	17	0
16	16	12	11	9	6	4	0	61	61	53	49	38	24	18	0
17	17	13	12	9	6	5	0	62	62	54	49	38	25	18	0
18	18	14	13	10	6	5	0	63	63	55	50	39	25	18	0
19	19	15	13	10	7	5	0	64	64	56	52	40	26	19	0
20	20	16	14	11	7	5	0	65	65	57	53	41	26	19	0
21	21	16	15	11	7	6	0	66	66	58	54	42	27	19	0
22	22	17	15	12	8	6	0	67	67	59	55	43	27	20	0
23	23	18	16	12	8	6	0	68	68	60	56	43	28	20	0
24	24	19	17	13	9	6	0	69	69	61	57	44	29	20	0
25	25	19	18	14	9	7	0	70	70	62	58	45	29	21	0
26	26	20	19	14	9	7	0	71	71	63	59	46	30	21	0
27	27	21	19	15	10	7	0	72	72	64	60	47	30	21	0
28	28	22	20	15	10	8	0	73	73	66	61	48	30	22	0
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30	30	24	21	17	11	8	0	75	75	68	63	50	32	23	0
31	31	25	22	17	11	8	0	76	76	69	64	51	32	23	0
32	32	25	23	18	12	9	0	77	77	70	66	52	33	23	0
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34	34	27	25	19	12	9	0	79	79	72	68	54	34	24	0
35	35	28	25	20	13	10	0	80	80	73	69	55	35	25	0
36	36	29	26	20	13	10	0	81	81	75	70	56	35	25	0
37	37	30	27	21	14	10	0	82	82	76	72	57	36	25	0
38	38	31	28	21	14	10	0	83	83	77	73	59	37	26	0
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40	40	33	29	23	15	11	0	85	85	80	76	61	38	27	0
41	41	34	30	23	15	11	0	86	86	81	77	62	39	27	0
42	42	34	31	24	16	12	0	87	87	82	78	64	39	27	0
43	43	35	32	25	16	12	0	88	88	84	80	65	40	28	0
44	44	36	33	25	17	12	0	89	89	85	80	65	40	28	0
45	45	37	34	26	17	12	0	90	90	86	83	68	42	29	0

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