

Chapter 23

Conversion to Degree of Incapacity

INTRODUCTION

After a Combined Impairment Rating has been obtained and rounded to the nearest 5 points (or to zero), and a Lifestyle Rating has also been obtained, the rounded Combined Impairment Rating and the Lifestyle Rating are to be combined to establish the degree of incapacity from all accepted conditions. Apply Table 23.1 to do this.

The degree of incapacity is expressed by a number which is a percentage (eg, “70” means “70 per cent”).

A veteran’s lifestyle rating is expected to be broadly consistent with the degree of medical impairment from accepted conditions as measured by the Combined Impairment Rating. In most cases a lifestyle rating that falls within the shaded area of Table 23.1 will satisfy the requirement of broad consistency. There may be exceptional cases and, in accordance with Chapter 22 of this *Guide*, a lifestyle rating outside the shaded area may be allocated.

Method of conversion to degree of incapacity

Follow the steps below to convert the impairment and lifestyle ratings to a degree of incapacity for all the conditions under assessment.

STEP 1

In the extreme left hand side column of Table 23.1, headed “Impairment”, find the value of the impairment rating already obtained. The line on which this value is written is “The Row” for purposes of Step 3.

STEP 2

Under the heading “Lifestyle Ratings” in Table 23.1, there is a row of numbers from 0 to 7. Find the number which equals the lifestyle rating that was obtained using Chapter 22 (Lifestyle Effects). The column under this number is “The Column” for purposes of Step 3.

STEP 3

Find the intersection of The Row and The Column. The number at this intersection is the degree of incapacity.

**SCALE
23.1**



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Impairment	Lifestyle Ratings							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	10	10	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	10	10	20	30	40	40	N/A	N/A
10	10	20	30	30	40	50	60	N/A
15	20	30	30	40	50	60	60	N/A
20	20	30	40	50	50	60	70	80
25	30	40	40	50	60	70	70	80
30	40	40	50	60	70	70	80	80
35	N/A	50	60	60	70	80	90	90
40	N/A	50	60	70	80	80	90	100
45	N/A	60	70	80	80	90	100	100
50	N/A	70	70	80	90	100	100	100
55	N/A	70	80	90	90	100	100	100
60	N/A	80	90	90	100	100	100	100
65	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
70	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
75	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
80	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
85	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**No age adjustment
permitted for
this table**