

Chapter 24

Degree of Incapacity for Specific Disabilities

INTRODUCTION

The percentages of the degree of incapacity ascribed to the specific conditions listed in Table 24.1 are drawn from Schedule 4 of the former *Repatriation Act 1920*, and have not been arrived at by using the concepts in this Guide.

The percentages in column 2 are minimum final assessments regardless of the outcome of an assessment of the veteran's impairment and lifestyle effects. If a veteran has an accepted condition listed in column 1 of Table 24.1, the minimum degree of incapacity is the corresponding percentage appearing in column 2.

How to use Table 24.1

Follow the steps below to determine whether the degree of incapacity for specific conditions applies to a particular assessment.

STEP 1

Assess the veteran's degree of incapacity from all accepted conditions using this *Guide*. If the veteran does not have an accepted condition listed in column 1 of Table 24.1, then this is the final degree of incapacity.

STEP 2

If the veteran has an accepted condition listed in column 1 of Table 24.1, find the line on which it is listed. Take the percentage degree of incapacity listed in column 2 of Table 24.1 on the same line. (If the veteran has more than one condition listed in column 1 of Table 24.1, establish the corresponding percentage degree of incapacity from column 2 of Table 24.1 for each, and take the highest.)

STEP 3

Compare the degrees of incapacity obtained in Steps 1 and 2. Take the higher degree. This is the final degree of incapacity.

**SCALE
24.1**



**DEGREE OF INCAPACITY FOR
SPECIFIC DISABILITIES**

Column 1 <i>Description of Disability</i>	Column 2 <i>% Degree of Incapacity</i>
Loss of two or more limbs	100
Loss of both eyes	100
Loss of one eye, together with loss of leg, foot, hand or arm	100
Loss of both arms	100
Loss of both legs	100
Loss of both feet	100
Loss of both hands	100
Loss of hand and foot	100
Loss of all fingers and thumbs	100
Very severe facial disfigurement	100
Amputation of leg at hip, or right arm at shoulder joint (if right-handed) or of left arm at shoulder joint (if left-handed)	100 for first 6 months* then 80 thereafter
Severe facial disfigurement	80
Total loss of speech	100
Loss of leg or foot	100 for first 6 months* then 80 thereafter
Loss of arm or hand	100 for first 6 months* then 80 thereafter
Total deafness	100
Loss of vision in one eye	50

*The first six months immediately following the loss

For purposes of this table, a leg, foot, hand, arm or eye is deemed to be lost if it is rendered permanently and wholly useless.

**No age adjustment
permitted for
this table**