



# Partial invalidity pension

## Approval application form

### Information for members

You may be entitled to partial invalidity pension if you have suffered a permanent decrease in your pay because of physical or mental incapacity. You may also be entitled to partial invalidity pension if you are a former PSS invalidity pensioner who has resumed employment but you are receiving less pay than during your previous PSS membership.

A permanent decrease in pay could result from your having to work reduced hours, work in a lesser paid or lower position, or a combination of both reduction in hours and redeployment to a lesser position.

You are not eligible for partial invalidity pension:

- > if you are a casual member
- > if you are a limited benefits member
- > if you are receiving compensation for the condition
- > if you are a member with less than three years membership and it is determined that you did not disclose a pre-existing medical condition
- > if you have reached your maximum retirement age.

If you wish to apply for partial invalidity pension you should seek advice from your employer. You can also find detailed information about partial invalidity pensions on the PSS website [www.pss.gov.au](http://www.pss.gov.au) or by telephoning 1300 000 377.

### Instructions for employers

You should consider applying for partial invalidity pension on behalf of a PSS member if the member suffers a permanent decrease in pay because a physical or mental condition causes them to work shorter hours, work in a lesser paid or lower position, or because of a combination of both reduction in hours and redeployment. You may also apply for partial invalidity pensions for any former invalidity pensioners whom you employ at a lesser rate of pay than during their previous PSS membership.

You should obtain comprehensive medical reports from the member's treating practitioners. You should also obtain a work performance report from the member's supervisor and copies of his/her sick leave records and duty statement. You should then arrange for an assessment and report from an Occupational Physician.

Please then collate all the documents required for an application for partial invalidity pension into chronological order and attach to this completed and signed form SPP. You may then forward the complete submission to the APS Defined Benefits Scheme Invalidation Assessment Unit at ComSuper.

Detailed information about the documents required, standard of evidence, and issues to be addressed by the Approved Medical Practitioner (AMP) in partial invalidity applications can be found in the document called **Invalidity notes** on the PSS website [www.pss.gov.au](http://www.pss.gov.au) or by telephoning 1300 000 377.

Please note that if your employee becomes entitled to compensation leave and/or compensation benefits for the condition for which they are receiving partial invalidity pension, they must repay any partial invalidity pension which was paid for periods for which they were subsequently granted compensation benefits.





