

Consent to disclose medical information

Purpose of this form

This form is used to confirm that you consent to your treating health professionals and/or health providers disclosing relevant information about your disability or medical conditions to the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department), or assessors engaged by the department.

This consent form does not replace the need for you to provide medical evidence when lodging a claim for Disability Support Pension (DSP). We need medical evidence from your treating health professionals to help us understand how your conditions affect you and to correctly assess your claim. This is explained in the **Medical Evidence Checklist form (SA473)** and the **Claim for Disability Support Pension form (SA466)** available on our website.

If more information is needed to assess your eligibility for DSP or employment services, the department or assessors engaged by the department may contact your treating health professionals and/or health providers to confirm or clarify information you provide about your disability or medical conditions.

This may include contact with any health professionals (including your treating doctor) and/or health providers who have examined, diagnosed or treated your disability or medical conditions which are relevant to your eligibility for DSP or employment services.

Your treating health professionals and/or health providers may be asked to disclose any medical information relevant to assessing your eligibility for DSP or employment services. This includes medical and specialist reports, clinical notes, medical records or other information, and any barriers that may affect your ability to work or participate in employment services or other assistance programmes.

Your treating health professionals and/or health providers may ask for confirmation that you have consented for them to disclose your medical information to the department or assessors engaged by the department.

You can complete the Consent to disclose medical information statement on this form to provide your consent, and the department will show this to your treating health professionals and/or health providers if requested.

You can withdraw your consent at any time by advising the department. However, if your treating health professionals or health providers do not disclose relevant medical information when requested, the department may not have enough information to assess your eligibility for DSP or employment services. This may result in your claim being rejected or your payment being stopped.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Privacy and your personal information

Your personal information is protected by law (including the *Privacy Act 1988*) and is collected by the Australian Government Department of Human Services for the assessment and administration of payments and services. This information is required to process your application or claim.

Your information may be used by the department, or given to other parties where you have agreed to that, or where it is required or authorised by law (including for the purpose of research or conducting investigations).

You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage your personal information, including our privacy policy, at humanservices.gov.au/privacy

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I (full name)

Date of birth

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of (address)

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Postcode

give consent for my treating health professionals and/or health providers to disclose any relevant information about my disability or medical conditions to the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department), or assessors engaged by the department, if required to assess my eligibility for Disability Support Pension or employment services.

Your signature



Date

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