

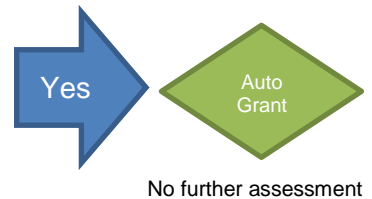
ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR INDEFINITE PORTABILITY FOR DISABILITY SUPPORT PENSION CUSTOMERS

The Disability Support Pension (DSP) customer submits a claim for indefinite portability (customer must be in Australia at time of claim except in limited circumstances where they are unable to return to Australia because they have had a serious accident, or been hospitalised, before the end of their current portability period)



Is the person manifestly qualified for DSP under the current (post December 2002) manifest criteria (as per below list)

- a terminal illness (life expectancy of less than 2 years with significantly reduced work capacity during this period);
- permanent blindness (meets the test for permanent blindness for social security purposes);
- an intellectual disability where medical evidence clearly indicates an IQ of less than 70;
- an assessment indicating that they require nursing home level care;
- category 4 HIV/AIDS; or
- in receipt of a DVA disability pension at special rate (totally and permanently incapacitated (TPI)).



Customer must provide a Medical Report: Disability Support Pension Review for Portability. This medical report is used by the Job Capacity Assessor to determine the customer's eligibility for indefinite portability under the following two criteria:

1. Have a medical condition assessed as resulting in a severe impairment (i.e. an impairment rating of at least 20 points under the new Impairment Tables, of which 20 points or more are assigned under a single Table) which will persist at this level for at least the next 5 years; AND
2. Have no future work capacity (i.e. prevented by their impairment from performing any work independently of a program of support within the next 5 years).

