SHORT COURSE

DUAL CERTIFICATE IN AMA GUIDES TO THE EVALUATION OF PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT – FIFTH EDITION & CERTIFICATE IN PSYCHIATRIC IMPAIRMENT RATING SCALE (PIRS)

imec Independent Medical Evaluators College Australasia

This comprehensive dual-certificate program provides advanced, practical training in the assessment of psychiatric impairment using the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Fifth Edition (psychiatric chapters) alongside the Psychiatric Impairment Rating Scale (PIRS).

Designed for real-world medicolegal application, the course bridges theory and practice, equipping participants with the skills to deliver consistent, defensible, and high-quality impairment assessments.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Delivered by specialist psychiatrists and permanent impairment
- Experts Focus on practical application in medicolegal settings
- Aligns with Australian jurisdictional requirements
- Builds confidence in report writing and impairment rating
- Recognised, CPD-compliant and approved by RANZCP
- Dual certification enhances professional credibility

COURSE STRUCTURE

- Introduction to impairment assessment frameworks
- AMA Guides (5th Ed.) – Chapter 14 Mental Health and Behavioural Disorders and Chapters 1 and 2 methodology & application
- PIRS methodology: scoring, interpretation, and pitfalls
- Case-based learning and worked examples
- Report writing for medicolegal purposes
- Common errors and how to avoid them
- Preparation for assessment and certification

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Psychiatrists
  Develop and refine impairment assessment expertise
  Ensure consistency with jurisdictional standards
- Mental Health Professionals (Psychologists, Allied Health)
  Understand impairment frameworks and medico-legal expectations
- Medicolegal Professionals (Lawyers, IME providers)
  Interpret psychiatric impairment reports with confidence
- Practice Managers & Owners
  Strengthen service delivery in medicolegal and IME practices
- Insurance Case Managers Improve decision-making through better understanding of impairment ratings

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Apply the AMA Guides (5th Ed.) psychiatric criteria accurately
- Conduct and document PIRS assessments
- Interpret clinical findings in a medicolegal context
- Produce clear, objective, and defensible reports
- Identify and avoid common rating errors
- Apply impairment assessment principles across Australian schemes

Advance your expertise in psychiatric impairment assessment with IME College Australasia – trusted education for medicolegal excellence.
Please refer to our website for full terms and conditions of enrolling into this course.

ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

- Formal assessment (case-based and/or written)
- Successful participants receive:
  - › Certificate in AMA Guides (5th Ed.) Psychiatric Impairment
  - › Certificate in Psychiatric Impairment Rating Scale (PIRS)

FACILITATORS

- Specialist IME Psychiatrist; and
- Permanent Impairment (PI) Expert with extensive medicolegal experience

This certification demonstrates competence, credibility, and professional development in impairment evaluation.

DELIVERY MODE AND DURATION

- Mode: Self-Paced
- Duration: Flexible; complete at your own pace
- Format: Online learning with access to course materials, recorded sessions, and assessment through the IME College website

CPD AND ACCREDITATION

- CPD compliant
- Approved by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)

COURSE FEES 2026

IMEC Members: AUD$1,350 (excluding GST)

Non-Members: AUD$1,500 (excluding GST)

(Includes full course access, learning materials and formal assessment).

UPCOMING DATES AND ENROLMENT

For upcoming course dates visit our website www.imecollege.com.au/courses or scan the QR code:

Secure your place early as numbers are limited.

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