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:** Live online delivery via Zoom | AEST (Brisbane)
- **Duration:** 10 hours (interactive sessions, case discussions, and assessment)
- **Format:** Structured teaching, case studies, participant engagement, and live Q&A

CPD AND ACCREDITATION

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

COURSE FEES 2027

IMEC Members: **AUD$2,430** (excluding GST)
Non-Members: **AUD$2,700** (excluding GST)

(Includes full course delivery, learning materials, examination, and certificate of completion.

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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