

Australian Government Department of Veterans'Affairs

Cardiorespiratory Effort Tolerance Medical Impairment Assessment

Veteran		U	IN			
Р	ease assess the following conditions:					
1.	What cardiorespiratory symptoms (e.g. dyspnoea, angina) limit the veteran's exercise tolerance ?					
 2. 	What activities does the veteran perform which consistently bring on	these sy	ymptoms?			
 3.	Please review the table on the following page and select the most appropriate activity category, which consistently causes cardiorespiratory symptoms. The examples are <u>not</u> <u>exhaustive</u> and should be used as a reference point to identify similar activities.					
4. 	Please list any activities that the veteran has been medically advised r (because of the health risks related to the conditions listed above)	not to u	ndertake			
 5.	 Please list all conditions contributing to the reported impairment and indicate the percentage contribution. Include any previously known condition(s) and any new condition(s) you have identified. The contribution total must equal 100%. 					
C	ondition		Contribution %			
e.g. COPD		75%				
		Total	100%			

Doctor's signature	Doctor's name	Date	Time to complete form

L	Jnable to assess						
 The veteran does not experience any cardiorespiratory symptoms The veteran's cardiorespiratory symptoms do not predictably occur at a certain level of effort The veteran is prevented from maximal exertion by non-cardiorespiratory conditions (e.g. OA, obesity) 							
Example of activities in METS level 1–2							
 Lying down Traveling in car as a passenger Playing cards Strolling slowly 	 Standing Sedate activities while sitting down Light sweeping Clerical work (desk work only) 						
Example of a	activities in METS level 2–3						
 Light household duties Walking slowly (3.5 km/h) Playing sedentary musical instruments Cooking or preparing meals Clerical work which involves moving around 	 Dressing, showering Horseback riding at walk Using self-propelled mower Driving motor vehicle (marine/road) Light indoor/outdoor recreational sports (e.g. pool, lawn bowls) 						
Example of a	activities in METS level 3–4						
 Walking at average pace (5 km/h) Machine work (assembly, welding) Minor car repairs and/or cleaning Regular household duties (e.g. vacuuming, making bed, laundry) 	 Table tennis and golf (pulling buggy) Pushing light power mower at slow steady pace Sedate cycling (10 km/h) Light gardening (e.g. weeding and water) 						
Example of	activities in METS level 4–5						
 Moderate household duties (e.g. mopping and/or scrubbing floors) Golf (carrying bag) Light carpentry Ballroom dancing Tennis doubles (non-competitive) 	 Shopping and carrying groceries (10 kg) Gentle swimming Painting and/or wallpapering of house Hoeing (soft soil) Stacking firewood Stocking shelves with light objects 						
Example of a	activities in METS level 5–6	I					
 Walking 6.5 km/h (sustained brisk walk, discomfort in talking at the same time) Walking slowly but steadily up stairs 	 Gardening (e.g. shovelling, pushing wheelbarrow and digging) Carpentry (e.g. using hand tools) Swimming laps (non-competitive) 						
Example of a	activities in METS level 6–7						
 Badminton (competitive) Tennis (singles, non-competitive) Water skiing 	Loading truck with bricksUsing a pick and shovel to dig trenches						
Example of	activities in METS level 7–8						
 Very heavy exercise Jogging (8 km/h) Horseback riding (galloping) Carrying heavy objects (30kg) on level ground 	 Sawing hardwood with hand tools Chopping hardwood Callisthenics Squash (non-competitive) 						
Example of	activities in METS level 8–9						
Running (9 km/h)	• Skiing (cross-country)						
Example of activities in METS level 10+							
 Running quickly (10 km/h) Cycling quickly (25 km/h) 	 Carrying loads (10 kg) up a gradient Football (any code) 						