

Disability Discrimination

Disability discrimination is when a person is treated unfairly for reasons that relate to their impairments. It can occur in public life which includes the following areas:

- employment
- education
- accommodation
- getting or using services
- accessing public places

There are two categories that disability discrimination can fall into:

1. direct discrimination
2. indirect discrimination

If you have been discriminated against because of a disability and want to make a complaint, PCLS can assist you. We can provide legal advice and support to make a complaint to the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)

Community Education

Community Legal Education is provided across the Pilbara to help individuals and carers to be able to navigate the justice system independently.

Resources and fact sheets are available to assist people with a disability, their carers and families to understand their legal rights and obligations.

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We are open 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday to ensure that we can assist you as soon as possible, please phone ahead and make an appointment.

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Disability Advocacy

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Disability Support Pension

Our Disability Advocate can support you to prepare or appeal a Disability Support Pension application, and to source the necessary documents.

Am I eligible?

If you have a permanent or significant physical, intellectual or mental health disability you may be eligible.

Whether your impairment is significant or permanent is assessed by Services Australia (Centrelink) who look at your relevant medical evidence. Some of the eligibility requirements are:

- your disability must be fully diagnosed and treated by a health professional
- you must be unable to work for 15 hours or more per week or unable to learn a new skill as a result of your disability

If your claim is rejected, we can assist you with the appeal process.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Our Disability Advocate can support you to prepare an application and understand how to use your plan.

Am I eligible?

If you have a permanent and significant disability that requires support from a person or special equipment, you can apply for support through NDIS.

NDIS support can include:

- personal care
- practical support
- community inclusion and activities
- mobility equipment
- employment skills
- home respite
- transport
- physiotherapy and nutritionist advice

Your NDIS service provider will connect you to a support service.

NDIS does not affect your Centrelink payments.

Other assistance our Disability Advocate can provide

- assist you to recognise your support needs
- advocating for you to exercise choice and control
- collecting evidence for applications
- collecting evidence for disability discrimination
- appealing claims
- support when communicating with other services and agencies
- assistance resolving complaints
- advocacy representation for NDIS planning, reviews and appeals
- support and enforce human rights
- access to violence and abuse support services
- referrals

What our lawyers can assist with

- discrimination claims
- representation in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- criminal injuries compensation

