

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT TRIBUNAL (MAT)

What is the Medical Assessment Tribunal (MAT)?

Have you received a letter from WorkCover Queensland or the Workers' Compensation Regulator about a Medical Assessment Tribunal appointment?

Sometimes injured workers need to go to the **Medical Assessment Tribunal** as part of their workers' compensation claim.

The **Medical Assessment Tribunal** are run by the **Workers Compensation Regulator** and involves an independent panel of doctors who make decisions about your work-related injury.

The decisions could be about your ability or inability to work, any degree of permanent impairment or any disfigurement you have suffered as a result of your injury.

You need to be referred by your workers' compensation insurer to go to a **Medical Assessment Tribunal**.

Your insurer usually refers you when:

1. There are differing medical opinions about your injury;
2. The claim has been accepted but it's unclear if there is an ongoing incapacity;
3. The degree of permanent impairment from your injury needs to be assessed;
4. You disagree with the degree of permanent impairment offered to you by the insurer.

The **Medical Assessment Tribunal** decision is usually finalised within seven to fourteen days of your appointment.

Once it's finalised, you and **WorkCover Queensland** will receive a written copy of the decision. Decisions are never advised verbally.

If there is a delay, the **Workers Compensation Regulator** will let you know the reasons why and when you can expect the decision.

Sometimes your **Medical Assessment Tribunal** doctors may need to defer their decision in circumstances where more details or x-rays are required. The decision however, cannot be deferred for longer than three (3) months at a time.