

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Disability Support Pension - Compulsory Participation Requirements for people aged under 35

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Please provide details of the sanctions for non-compliance.

Answer:

DSP recipients who have compulsory participation requirements and are not exempt will have their DSP suspended or cancelled if they do not:

- attend any participation interview (including the initial interview), or
- enter into a compulsory agreement, or
- undertake a compulsory activity.

If the DSP recipient does not comply with their compulsory activity they will have their DSP suspended on the first occasion until they do comply. Payment will be restored without loss of payment on the first occasion.

On the second occasion of non-compliance within a 12 month period from the date of first suspension, the DSP recipient will have their DSP suspended until they comply. DSP will be reinstated without back payment once the recipient has complied.

DSP recipients who do not comply for a third time within the 12 month timeframe (from date of first suspension), will have their DSP cancelled. After cancellation, they will have to reapply for DSP and be reassessed against the current Impairment Tables to determine their eligibility.