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AAT Recent Decisions

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Compensation

[Cantone and Telstra Corporation Limited](#) (Compensation) [2015] AATA 534 (22 July 2015); Miss EA Shanahan, Member

Intracerebral haemorrhage resulting in right hemiparesis – severe speech defect – complete spastic paralysis of the right arm – partial recovery of right lower limbs with spasticity and contractures – remedial massage – liability for cost of travel to relocated masseur denied – whether cost reasonably incurred – availability of alternative therapists within a 25 kilometre radius of the Applicant’s home – decision affirmed

[Parker and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission](#) (Compensation) [2015] AATA 531 (21 July 2015); Deputy President SA Forgie

“Employee” – whether employed by the Commonwealth, Commonwealth authority or licensed corporation – member of Royal Navy attached to Royal Australian Navy 1962 to 1965 – whether “member of Defence Force ... taken to be employed by the Commonwealth” – whether deemed to be a member of the Defence Force when attached to Royal Australian Navy – whether privileges conferred on a member of a visiting force conferred entitlements to compensation under the legislation in force at the time – decision affirmed

[Topping and Comcare](#) (Compensation) [2015] AATA 525 (17 July 2015); Deputy President G Humphries, Dr B Hughson, Member

Whether massage and osteopathy constitute reasonable treatment for accepted condition of post-traumatic stress disorder – factors to be considered in determining this issue – decision affirmed

Health

[Superior Care Group Pty Ltd and Chief Executive Officer, Australian Aged Care Quality Agency](#) [2015] AATA 529 (9 July 2015); The Hon Justice JA Logan RFD, Deputy President, Deputy President PE Hack SC

Re-accreditation of residential care service – compliance with Accreditation Standards – Quality of Care Principles – period of re-accreditation – whether three-year accreditation ought be granted – generally good performance history – demonstrated capacity to rectify failings promptly – met all expected outcomes during unannounced assessment – decision set aside and substituted

Practice and Procedure

[Duerinckx Enterprises Pty Ltd and Australian Skills Quality Authority](#) [2015] AATA 526 (17 June 2015); Senior Member A Cunningham

Application for stay – compliance issues – stay granted subject to conditions

[Jeffers and Australian Securities and Investments Commission](#) [2015] AATA 537 (22 July 2015); Deputy President FJ Alpins

Stay application – banning order – Applicant prohibited from providing any financial services – proffered undertaking to Tribunal not to provide any financial services if stay granted and proposed same condition of stay – whether Tribunal of opinion that desirable to make orders sought – nature of public interest to be taken into account – whether stay would be for purpose of securing effectiveness of review – s 41(2) of *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* (Cth) – application dismissed

Application for confidentiality orders – s 35 of *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975* (Cth) – application dismissed

[Seraphim \(Consulting\) Pty Ltd and Commissioner of Taxation](#) (Taxation) [2015] AATA 540 (22 July 2015); Deputy President PE Hack SC

Application for adjournment – inadequate reasons given – adjournment refused – failure to comply with directions – failure to attend resumed hearing – whether proceedings ought be dismissed – applications dismissed

Professionals and Trades

[Thiel and Registrar of Marriage Celebrants](#) [2015] AATA 524 (17 July 2015); Mr S Webb, Member

Solemnisation – registration – meaning of ‘authorised celebrant’ – meaning of ‘minister of religion of a recognised denomination’ – registration as a marriage celebrant – celebrant registration charge – scope of discretion to give notice of deregistration on non-payment of charge – consequence of not paying charge within notified period – charge not paid within period – deregistration steps – no discretion – notice of deregistration invalid – decision set aside and remitted

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE – jurisdiction – review of a decision to deregister a marriage celebrant – ‘decision’ includes determinative considerations in respect of issuing a notice of deregistration

Social Security

[Cirillo and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 506 (14 July 2015); Senior Member PW Taylor SC

Disability support pension – whether Applicant’s conditions were fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised – whether Applicant’s impairment is rated 20 points or more under the Impairment Tables – decision affirmed

[Evetts and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 535 (22 July 2015); Professor R McCallum AO, Member

Age pension – portability – exceptions to general portability rule – no portability where claim based on short residence – whether Applicant departed Australia within two years of being granted age pension – Applicant departed Australia within two year period – decision under review affirmed

[Grimes and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 522 (17 July 2015); Mr S Webb, Member

Family tax benefit – percentage of care of a child – care period – change in pattern of care – revocation of previous determination – change in percentage of care – decision set aside

[Keir and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 523 (17 July 2015); Deputy President G Humphries

Disability support pension – whether conditions fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised – whether impairments attract a rating of 20 points or more under the Impairment Tables – decision affirmed

[Kornweibel and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 519 (16 July 2015); Mr S Webb, Member

Pension bonus scheme – meaning of non-accruing member – work test – requirement for consecutive bonus periods not met – claim time limits – incorrect advice – discretion to extend time exercised – decision set aside

[Saad and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 530 (21 July 2015); Dr I Alexander, Member

Disability support pension (DSP) – portability period – DSP cancelled – whether portability period should have been extended – no grounds for extending portability period – decision affirmed

[Seymour and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 505; 19/6/2015; Professor R Deutsch, Deputy President

Disability support pension – whether income exceeded maximum allowable for payment – whether loan a deprived asset – derivation of income from trust – decision affirmed

[Thurecht and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 504 (13 July 2015); Deputy President JW Constance

Application for review of the start date noted on concession card – whether reviewable decision – meaning of ‘decision’ – whether decision made under social security law – decision affirmed

[Young and Secretary, Department of Employment](#) (Social services second review) [2015] AATA 528 (21 July 2015); Deputy President K Bean

Newstart allowance – backdating of start date – Applicant contends Centrelink failed to advise of potential entitlement to Newstart at an earlier date – Centrelink not obliged to provide specific advice – no legal basis upon which Applicant can be paid Newstart from any earlier date – decision under review affirmed

Superannuation

[OEM Supplies Pty Ltd and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2015] AATA 532 (21 July 2015); Deputy President JW Constance

Superannuation guarantee charge – employee – whether individual an employee of the Applicant – decision set aside

Taxation

[EI Kordi and Commissioner of Taxation](#) (Taxation) [2015] AATA 527 (20 July 2015); Professor R Deutsch, Deputy President

Objection decisions – refusal to extend time to make objections against amended assessments – decision affirmed

Veterans' Affairs

[Nelson and Repatriation Commission](#) (Veterans' entitlements) [2015] AATA 539 (23 July 2015); Deputy President IR Molloy

Disability pension and Attendant allowance – pension at the special rate – war caused conditions limiting capacity for work – Applicant capable of remunerative work on a part-time basis or intermittently – decision varied

[Rowe and Repatriation Commission](#) (Veterans' entitlements) [2015] AATA 541 (23 July 2015); Senior Member E Fice, Dr D Cremean, Senior Member

Veterans – Entitlements – Disability Pension – entitlement to Extreme Disablement Adjustment rate – lifestyle rating – decision under review set aside and substituted

[Thomas and Repatriation Commission](#) (Veterans' entitlements) [2015] AATA 514 (15 July 2015); Mr S Webb, Member

Claim for disability pension – Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus – operational and defence service – Statements of Principles – standards of proof – connection to service not made out – decision affirmed

Appeals

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CASE NAME

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None lodged

Appeals finalised

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None finalised

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