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AAT Recent Decisions

This section of the Bulletin provides information about decisions recently published by the AAT. Only AAT decisions that have been published on [AustLII](#) have been included. Full copies of the decisions can be accessed through the hyperlinks provided below.

Compensation

[Corby and Comcare](#) [2015] AATA 42; 29/1/2015; Deputy President K Bean

Commonwealth employees – claims for fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, and pneumonia – whether claimed conditions significantly contributed to by employment with ATO – whether applicant suffered an aggravation of her conditions – whether any aggravation resulted in incapacity or impairment – decisions under review affirmed

[Hardcastle and Comcare](#) [2015] AATA 46; 29/1/2015; Dr M Denovan, Member

Chronic fatigue syndrome – Coxsackie B virus – water drunk – decision under review affirmed

[Polkinghorne and Comcare](#) [2015] AATA 54; 30/1/2015; Deputy President IR Molloy

Commonwealth Employees – claim for work related stress and anxiety – ailment not in dispute – whether ailment contributed to by employment to a significant degree – decision under review affirmed

Immigration and Citizenship

[Al Kasiri and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2015] AATA 60; 4/2/2015; Deputy President JW Constance

Citizenship by conferral – residence requirement – consideration of discretion in section 22(9) – whether the Applicant had a close and continuing association with Australia during periods of absence – decision affirmed

[Amosa and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2015] AATA 55; 30/1/2015; Deputy President JW Constance

Citizenship by conferral – good character – whether the applicant satisfies the legislative requirement to be shown to be of good character – previous convictions – failure to disclose convictions – decision affirmed

[El Houmayssi and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2015] AATA 61; 4/2/2015; Deputy President JW Constance

Citizenship by conferral – good character – whether the applicant satisfies the legislative requirement to be shown to be of good character – finding of guilt for domestic violence – consideration of mitigating factors – decision set aside and remitted

Social Security

[Kirk and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 63; 30/1/2015; Senior Member CR Walsh

Disability support pension (DSP) – applicant has physical “impairments” (being lower back pain and left knee osteoarthritis) – applicant’s impairments not “permanent” – applicant’s impairments not fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised and “permanent” and did not attract 20 points or more under the Impairment Tables on the date he claimed DSP or within 13 weeks thereafter – decision under review affirmed

[Ly and Anor and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 57; 2/2/2015; Senior Member N Isenberg

Compensation – preclusion period – whether special circumstances existed – financial circumstances – need for modified vehicle – large family – discretion exercised by Social Security Appeals Tribunal to disregard part of compensation payment – whether Tribunal should further exercise discretion – decision affirmed

[ZKHF and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 59; 3/2/2015; The Hon. B Tamberlin QC, Deputy President

Disability support pension – cancellation – whether applicant has 20 points under the impairment tables – job capacity assessment – decision affirmed

Taxation

[Caporale and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2015] AATA 49; 30/1/2015; Deputy President SE Frost

GST – enterprise – carrying on an enterprise – input tax credits – creditable acquisitions – applicant not carrying on an enterprise – acquisitions not made for a creditable purpose – administrative penalty – intentional disregard of the law – penalty uplifted – objection decisions affirmed

Income Tax – default assessments – whether assessments excessive – failure to prove actual taxable income for relevant income years – deduction claims – no explanation for deductions – no explanation for income figures – administrative penalty – recklessness – intentional disregard of the law – penalty uplifted – objection decisions mostly affirmed

Veterans' Affairs

[Kelly and Repatriation Commission](#) [2015] AATA 56; 2/2/2015; Senior Member N Isenberg

Disability pension – operational service – claim that emotional problems were war-caused – consideration of Statement of Principles – diagnosis – response to alleged stressors – decision affirmed

Appeals

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Appeals lodged

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE
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None lodged

Appeals finalised

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE	COURT REFERENCE
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Garrett v Commissioner of Taxation	[2014] AATA 614	[2015] FCA 40
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