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The *AAT Bulletin* is a weekly publication containing information about recently published decisions and appeals against decisions in the AAT's General, Freedom of Information, National Disability Insurance Scheme, Security, Taxation & Commercial and Veterans' Appeals Divisions. The Bulletin also regularly includes a sample of decisions recently published in the AAT's Migration & Refugee Division and Social Services & Child Support Division. It occasionally includes information on legislative changes that affect the AAT.

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AAT Recent Decisions

This section of the Bulletin provides information about all decisions recently published in the AAT's General, Freedom of Information, National Disability Insurance Scheme, Security, Taxation & Commercial and Veterans' Appeals. This list also includes selected child support decisions published by the Social Services & Child Support Division and examples of recent decisions published by the Migration & Refugee Division. 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.

Aviation

[Morey–Hype and Civil Aviation Safety Authority](#) [2017] AATA 125 (6 February 2017); Senior Member A Poljak

License conditions – class 1 and class 2 medical certificates – medical certificates issued with conditions – relevant medical standard – safety of air navigation – chronic pain syndrome – opiate based medication – decision affirmed

Child Support

[NMDC and Child Support Registrar](#) (Child support second review) [2017] AATA 139 (31 January 2017); R Perton, Member

Percentage of care– whether calculation should be based on nights of care or hours of care.

Citizenship

[Karatunov and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2017] AATA 132 (8 February 2017); Senior Member T Tavoularis

Eligibility – where application for Australian citizenship refused – good character requirements – where Applicant breached Domestic Violence Order – where offending was not disclosed – whether mitigating factors exist – decision under review affirmed

Migration

[Laupata and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2017] AATA 124 (2 February 2017); Senior Member A Poljak

Visa cancellation – character grounds – substantial criminal record – cancellation decision not revoked – whether another reason cancellation should be revoked – decision affirmed

[Lau and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2017] AATA 138 (10 February 2017); Dr C Kendall, Deputy President and Ms L Gallagher, Member

Request for Bridging E (Class WE) visa – exercise of discretion to refuse visa pursuant to s 501 (1) of the Migration Act 1958 – “character test” – “substantial criminal record” – Direction No 65 – primary and other relevant considerations – protection of the Australian community from criminal or

other serious conduct – best interests of minor children in Australia (applicant’s daughter) – expectation of the Australian community – other relevant considerations – impact on wife – decision under review

Social Security

[Mosavi and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2017] AATA 126 (3 February 2017); Professor R McCallum AO, Member

Carer payment and carer allowance – diabetes mellitus type 1 – behavioural issues – whether qualifying rating of ‘intense’ under determination – whether ACL questionnaire score of 85 or more – decision affirmed

[Ristevski and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2017] AATA 127 (3 February 2017); Mrs JC Kelly, Senior Member

Disability support pension – compensation affected payment – preclusion period – whether preclusion period correctly calculated – whether special circumstances – decision under review set aside and remitted

[Sciarrotta and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2017] AATA 136 (9 February 2017); I Thompson, Member

Disability support pension – whether the applicant’s medical conditions were fully diagnosed, fully treated and fully stabilised within 13 weeks of the claim (the assessment period) – whether conditions attract 20 points or more under the Impairment Tables – whether applicant’s conditions warrant a rating of 20 points or more under a single impairment table – applicant not qualified for DSP in the assessment period – decision under review affirmed

[Skiba and Secretary, Department of Employment](#) [2017] AATA 133 (8 February 2017); Mrs JC Kelly, Senior Member

Newstart allowance – connection failure – failure to enter into job plan – no reasonable excuse – decision affirmed

[Slamkova and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2017] AATA 137 (10 February 2017); Senior Member JF Toohey

Newstart allowance – whether applicant’s assets exceeded allowable limit – whether property registered in applicant’s name should be excluded – whether applicant held property on trust for her son – express or implied trust – constructive trust – Tribunal not satisfied applicant held property on trust for her son – property to be included in assessing value of the applicant’s assets – decision under review affirmed

Smith and Secretary, Department of Social Services (Social services second review)
[2017] AATA 135 (8 February 2017); Mr DJ Morris, Member

Family Tax Benefit (FTB) – whether applicant Australian resident at time of claim – whether FTB child in applicant's care – factors to have regard to in determining Australian residency – FTB child – original decision affirmed

Star and Secretary, Department of Social Services (Social services second review)
[2017] AATA 134 (8 February 2017); Mr C Ermert, Member

Disability Support Pension – cancellation – relevant date – whether conditions attract 20 impairment points – whether conditions fully diagnosed at the relevant date – decision affirmed

Zirilli and Secretary, Department of Social Services (Social services second review)
[2016] AATA 1093 (22 December 2016); Senior Member NA Manetta

Disability support pension – whether applicant's medical conditions were fully diagnosed, fully treated and fully stabilised – held – they were not – decision affirmed

Appeals

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Appeals lodged

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE
Walker v Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission	[2017] AATA 9

Appeals finalised

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE	COURT REFERENCE
Haque v Migration Agents Registration Authority	[2016] AATA 186	[2016] FCA 1249 [2017] HCASL 3
Ringshaug v Comcare	[2016] AATA 88	[2017] FCA 48
Turaga v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection	[2010] AATA 270	[2017] FCA 58
Chen v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and AAT	[2016] AATA 620	[2017] FCA 46
Kulas and Prosegur Australia Pty Ltd (Compensation)	[2016] AATA 538	[2017] FCA 85

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