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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

[Fernandez and Australian Postal Corporation](#) [2014] AATA 703; 26/9/2014; Senior Member GD Friedman

Right upper limb injury – previously accepted condition – whether liability has ceased – whether compensation payable for two periods in 2012 – whether 2013 right wrist/arm injury significantly contributed to by employment – decision set aside

Customs

[Mercator Lighting Pty Ltd and Chief Executive Officer of Customs](#) [2014] AATA 694; 23/9/2014; Deputy President FJ Alpins

Classification of goods – composite goods made up of different components – determination of essential character – application of Interpretation Rules – *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (Cth) – decision affirmed

Practice and Procedure

[Singh and Administrative Appeals Tribunal](#) [2014] AATA 701; 25/9/2014; Deputy President SA Forgie

SOCIAL SECURITY – application dismissed as frivolous or vexatious and applicant directed not to make any further application without leave of the Tribunal – direction limited to applications to Tribunal – whether direction should be discharged or varied – Tribunal decides not to discharge or vary direction

Social Security

[Casey and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2014] AATA 690; 22/9/2014; Senior Member G Ettinger

Overpayment of pension – Applicant did not disclose purchase of land in Queensland to the Respondent – Applicant claims he bought it for his son – he did not tell his son about it – Tribunal finds that the Applicant has used the names Patrick Peter Casey and Peter Patrick Casey interchangeably for most of his life – decision under review affirmed.

[Edwards and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2014] AATA 698; 25/9/2014; Senior Member D Letcher

Pensions – 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 – whether applicant had a continuing inability to work – decision set aside

[Giles; Secretary, Department of Social Services and](#) [2014] AATA 685; 19/9/2014; Senior Member NA Manetta

Pensions, benefits and allowances – Disability Support Pension – eligibility – Impairment Tables – whether 20 impairment points could be assigned under one or more tables – continuing inability to work – program of support – decision under review affirmed

[HLMS and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2014] AATA 693; 23/9/2014; Senior Member AK Britton

Disability support pension – portability period – discretionary power to determine portability period – decision affirmed

[Marwood; Secretary, Department of Social Services and](#) [2014] AATA 686; 19/9/2014; Senior Member NA Manetta

Pensions, benefits and allowances – Disability Support Pension – Impairment Tables – whether conditions warranted 20 impairment points or more under one or more tables – continuing inability to work – whether participation in program of support – decision set aside

[Menzies and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2014] AATA 689; 1/8/2014; Senior Member AK Britton

Disability Support Pension – Whether the Applicant's conditions were permanent – Whether the Applicant suffers a "severe impairment" – Whether the Applicant has undertaken a program of support – Decision affirmed

[Thomson and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2014] AATA 696; 24/9/2014; Senior Member NA Manetta

Pensions, benefits and allowances – Disability Support Pension – whether conditions fully treated, diagnosed and stabilised – whether impairments from conditions warrant 20 points under one or more tables – continuing inability to work – decision affirmed

[Vo and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2014] AATA 697; 25/9/2014; Senior Member G Ettinger

Youth Allowance – Whether Applicant satisfies activity test – Whether Applicant undertaking full-time study at the relevant time – Whether an overpayment of Youth Allowance – Whether debt should be waived – Decision under review affirmed

Tax Agents

[Burnett and Tax Practitioners Board](#) [2014] AATA 687; 19/9/2014; Deputy President K Bean

Tax agents – Whether applicant a fit and proper person to be registered as a tax agent – Decision under review affirmed

Taxation

[KNNW and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2014] AATA 691; 22/9/2014; Senior Member FD O'Loughlin

Relief from taxation debt – serious hardship – whether there is serious hardship – if there is serious hardship whether discretion to release ought be exercised – decision affirmed

Veterans' Affairs

[Fielden and Repatriation Commission](#) [2014] AATA 702; 25/9/2014; Brigadier C Ermert (Retd), Member

Veteran not yet turned 65 – totally and permanently incapacitated – incapacity from war-caused injury or war-caused disease alone – prevented from continuing to undertake remunerative work – decision set aside

Appeals

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Appeals lodged

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE
Coshott v Commissioner of Taxation	[2014] AATA 622
O'Loughlin v Linfox Australia Pty Ltd	[2014] AATA 577
Von Stieglitz v Comcare & Ors	[2013] AATA 908

Appeals finalised

CASE NAME	AAT REFERENCE	COURT REFERENCE
Comcare v Nicolas	[2014] AATA 189	[2014] FCAFC 122

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