

Disability - Direct Result

The exam requester asked whether the employee's inability to obtain and retain employment at wages equivalent to the pre-injury wage is a direct result of the compensable injury.

An employee may have a disability if their work-related injury keeps them from earning what they were paid in the 13 weeks before they were hurt. In workers' compensation, disability means a loss of income from a job, not a physical or mental condition.

This table summarizes my determination of the claimed periods of disability listed by the requestor or requestors in Box 36D of the DWC Form-032.

	Disability - Direct Result?		Claimed periods of disability	
	Yes	No	From (mm/dd/yyyy)	To (mm/dd/yyyy)
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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