

# Claiming a TPD Benefit

If the date of your injury, or if you ceased work, on or before 1 July 2020.

TPD cover provides you with a lump sum benefit payment if you become permanently disabled through injury or illness. If you believe you may be eligible to apply for a TPD claim, we are here to help

We aim to finalise your TPD claim as quickly as possible. The time to assess your claim will depend on your injury or illness, and the information needed by our insurer to assess.

We recommend you read our **Frequently Asked Questions** available on our website.

## 1 Notify

Notify us of your intent to claim via your online account  
1300 033 166  
✉ tsclaims@telstrasuper.com.au

### Have the following information:

- ✓ Your member number
- ✓ Details of your injury or illness and treating doctors
- ✓ Details about your work status and the date you last worked

## 2 Eligibility

We check that you had appropriate cover on the date of your injury or illness.

We determine your eligibility to claim

- ✓ eligible
- ✗ Ineligible

## 3 Authority

To proceed you'll need to complete a Declaration and Authority Form, and ask your treating doctor to complete the Treating Doctor's Report. We will also request a certified copy of your proof of identity (eg. driver's licence or passport).

## 4 Lodge

We forward your claim to the insurer, TAL Life Limited (TAL). Once TAL receives your claim, a case manager will contact you within 10 business days to discuss the details of your claim.

## 5 Assess

TAL assesses your claim and may request further medical information from both your treating and independent doctors to assess the permanency of your condition.

TAL may also ask your employer to provide relevant details about your employment, including the details of your job and your income.

**Note:** You will receive updates on your claim at least every 20 business days and you can request information about your claim at any time. TAL will do their best to assess your claim as quickly as possible, however they will let us know the outcome of your claim no later than six months after lodgement. If there is a reason TAL cannot provide a decision within six months they will write to let you know the reason for the delay. TelstraSuper acts as your advocate throughout the claims process.

## 6 Review

The TelstraSuper Trustee also reviews your claim before the final determination is made.

## 7 Outcome

### Claim is successful

If your claim is successful we'll make payment as per your instructions. You can speak to an adviser from TelstraSuper Financial Planning on **1300 033 166** to discuss your options.

### Claim is unsuccessful

If your claim has been unsuccessful you have the right to review all information provided. You can provide further evidence and can ask the TelstraSuper Trustee and TAL to review their decision upon receipt of the new evidence or you can raise a complaint by contacting us. Please refer to <https://www.telstrasuper.com.au/contact-us/complaints-handling> for more information and contact details.

If you're not satisfied with the final decision you may contact the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA is an independent body set up by the government to assist in the resolution of certain complaints in relation to superannuation.

## We're here to help

We appreciate that this may be an emotional time so we're here to help. If you have any queries or need assistance with the claim process please get in touch.

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