

**WAC 296-23-381 What rating systems are used for determining an impairment rating conducted by an independent medical examination (IME) provider?** The following table provides guidance regarding the rating systems generally used. These rating systems or others adopted through department policies should be used to conduct an impairment rating.

**Overview of Systems for Rating Impairment**

<b>Rating System</b>	<b>Used for These Conditions</b>	<b>Form of the Rating</b>
RCW 51.32.080	Specified disabilities: Loss by amputation, total loss of vision or hearing	Supply the level of amputation
<i>AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment</i>	Loss of function of extremities, partial loss of vision or hearing	Determine the percentage of loss of function, as compared to amputation value listed in RCW 51.32.080
Category Rating System	Spine, neurologic system, mental health, respiratory, taste and smell, speech, skin, or disorders affecting other internal organs	Select the category that most accurately indicates overall impairment
Total Bodily Impairment (TBI)	Impairments not addressed by any of the rating systems above, and claims prior to 1971	Supply the percentage of TBI

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