

3307:1-7-01 **Disability benefits - definitions.**

Chapter 3307:1-7 of the Administrative Code is adopted to establish the definitions, procedures and guidelines needed to fulfill the requirements of sections 3307.62, 3307.63, 3307.631 and 3307.64 of the Revised Code and to assure fair and impartial evaluation of all applications for disability benefits.

As used in Chapter 3307:1-7 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) "Applicant" shall mean the member for whom an application form and statement of an attending physician on forms provided by the retirement system have been completed and filed with the retirement system.
- (B) "Attending physician" shall mean an applicant's physician of choice.
- (C) "Board," shall mean the state teachers retirement board.
- (D) "Independent medical examiner" shall mean a competent physician neither involved in a treatment relationship with an applicant or recipient nor otherwise employed by the retirement system, who shall be designated by the chair of the medical review board to conduct an impartial examination.
- (E) "Medical review board" shall mean the group of independent physicians designated by the retirement board under the direction of a chair appointed by the retirement board to assist in the evaluation of medical examinations and information. The members of the medical review board may be asked in panels of three or more to review any application and provide their conclusions as to whether an applicant will be mentally or physically incapacitated from the performance of duty for at least twelve months.
- (F) "Party of interest" shall mean the signer of an application for disability benefits, other than the state teachers retirement system member, as authorized by section 3307.62 of the Revised Code.
- (G) A disabling condition shall be "presumed to be permanent," if it physically or mentally incapacitates an applicant from the performance of regular duty for a period of at least twelve months.
- (H) "Recipient" shall mean a person granted benefits pursuant to section 3307.62 to section 3307.64 of the Revised Code.

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