

# Pathway Portal Worker User Guide

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#### User Guide Overview

- An Individual user is someone who is not legally represented.
- Pathway Portal is your interface to the Commission's single digital case management platform called Pathway.
- An Individual user can use Pathway Portal themselves to perform various activities for their application.

#### What will the guide cover?

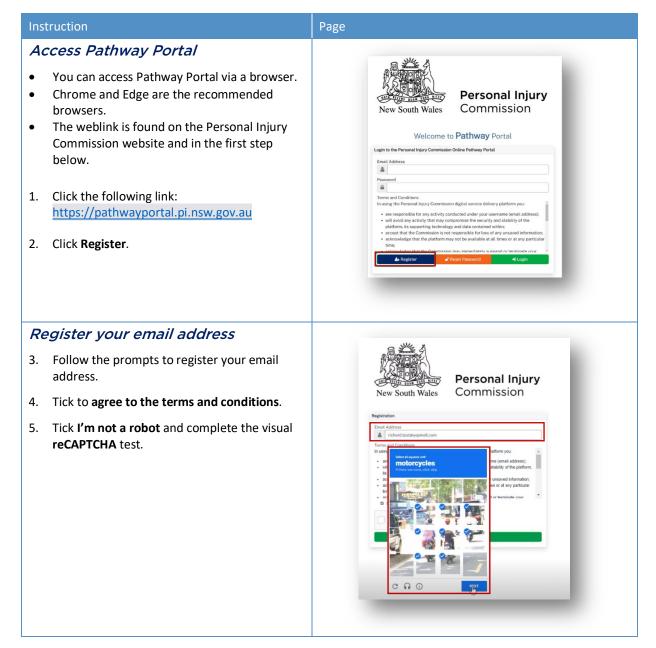
This guide will cover how to:

- Get started
- Navigate the Pathway Portal
- Lodge an application in Pathway Portal
- Resubmit a rejected application
- Complete a reply request
- Review a received reply
- Send and receive messages
- View allocation details
- View outcome documents
- Lodge an Appeal
- Lodge a Legal Representation / Agent Change
- Submissions and other Correspondence
- Lodge an additional document after initiating application or reply

#### Get started/ How do I get started with Pathway Portal?

# How to access and register for Pathway Portal

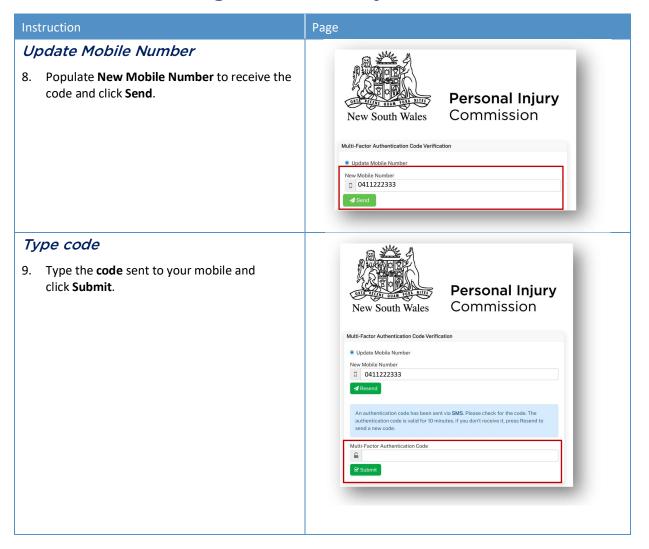
In order to submit, engage with or view a matter you must first register to use Pathway Portal.



#### How to access and register for Pathway Portal continued

# Instruction Page Confirm you are not a robot Once the test is completed, you will see the ${\bf "l'm}$ **Personal Injury** not a Robot" message display. Commission New South Wales 6. Click Register. > You will then receive an email to validate your email address. Terms and Conditions In using the Personal Injury Commission digital service delivery platform you Click Pathway Portal link in email You will receive an email with a link to validate the email address. 7. Click the **Link** in the email.

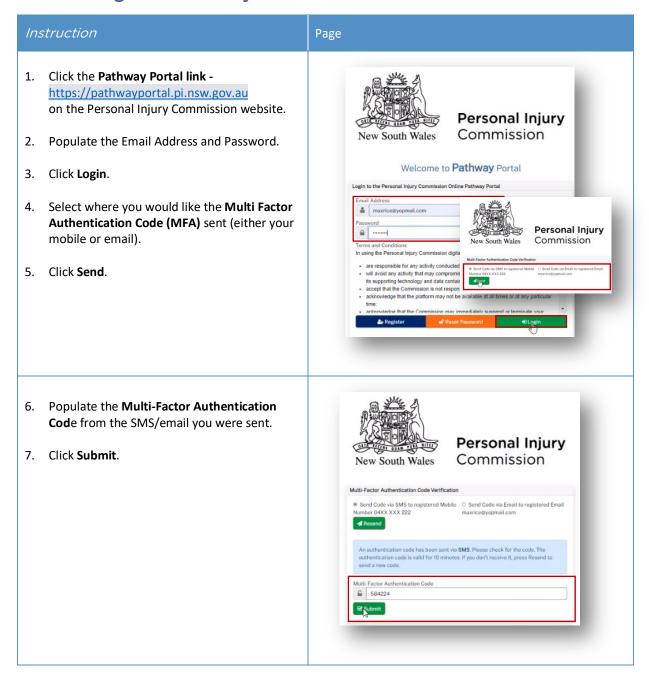
#### How to access and register for Pathway Portal continued



#### How to access and register for Pathway Portal continued

# Instruction Page Create new Password 10. Enter Password and Confirm Password. **Personal Injury** 11. Tick I'm not a robot and complete the visual Commission reCAPTCHA test. Password Required 12. Click Register. atestingworker@yopmail.com Please note that the password must be at least 8 characters, contain at least one number one symbol and upper and lower case characters. <u>a</u> ..... Confirm Password I'm not a robot Populate User Profile (top of page) Pathway Portal 13. Populate the **User Profile** as follows: **≜** User Profile Select Individual Complete the yellow mandatory fields Click Save. > You have now completed the Registration process.

#### How to Login to Pathway Portal

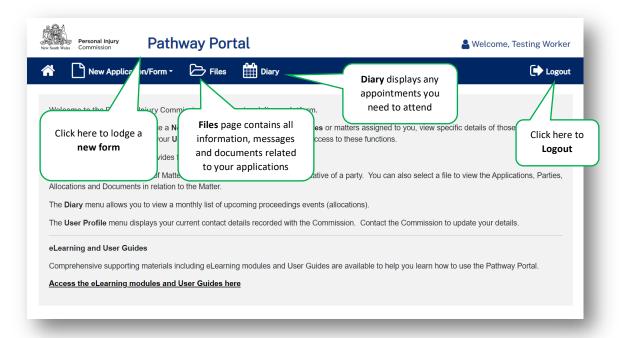


# Navigation/ Where do I find information for my application?

#### Home page

After you login to Pathway Portal the Home page displays:

- The **grey information box** in the centre describes what you'll find in each tab in the toolbar along the top.
- The **tabs** always display along the top whatever page you're in, so you can find your way back using the tabs at the top.

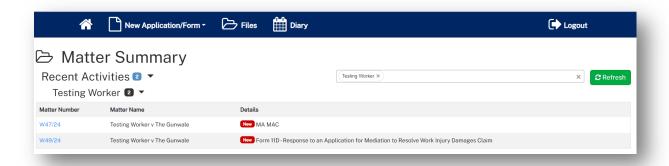


#### Files page

The **Files** page contains all the information, messages and documents that relate to the applications filed. The **Files** page is broken down into sections that contain this information as follows:

#### Recent Activities

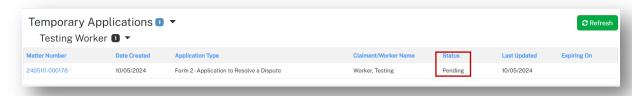
**Recent Activities** display at the top of the page showing any new applications, documents or messages that have been added since you last logged into Pathway Portal. The oldest activities display at the top of the list and the newest activities display at the bottom of the list.



#### Temporary Applications

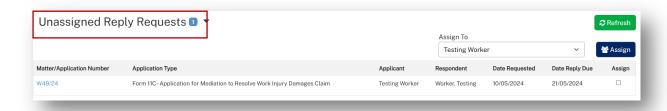
The Temporary Applications section displays:

- any applications that you have submitted to the Personal Injury Commission, but that have not yet been registered. These have a status of Pending.
- any applications you have saved to finish and submit later. These have a status of Draft.
- any applications that the Commission has rejected and sent back to you. These have a status of Rejected.



#### **Unassigned Reply Requests**

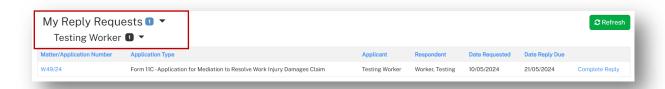
If you are named as the Respondent to an application, the Commission will request a Reply to the application from you. Reply requests will first appear in the **Unassigned Reply Requests** section. You then need to assign the Reply Request to yourself to complete it.



- 1. To assign the **Reply Request** to yourself, tick the **Assign** checkbox and click **Assign**.
- 2. Click Refresh.
- The Reply Request will now be in My Reply Requests.

#### My Reply Requests

After you have assigned the **Reply Request** to yourself, click **Refresh** to check/update the page with a new **Reply Request**.



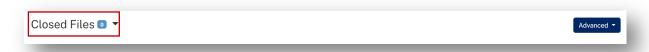
#### **Active Files**

Your current open matters are listed here in Active Files.



#### **Closed Files**

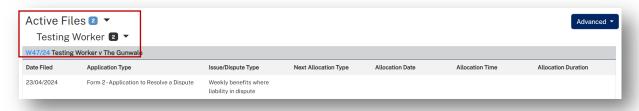
**Closed Files** display at the bottom of the page for **42 days** after they have been closed.



#### **Matter Details**

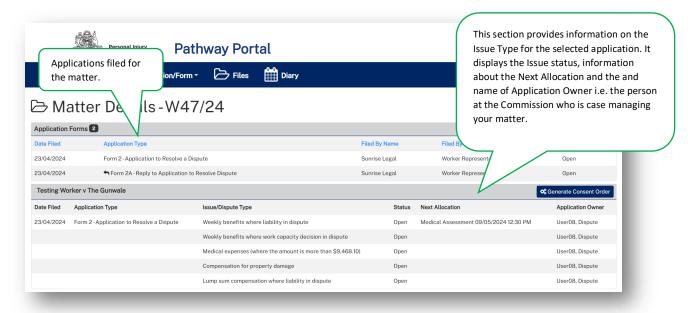
To view details for the matter:

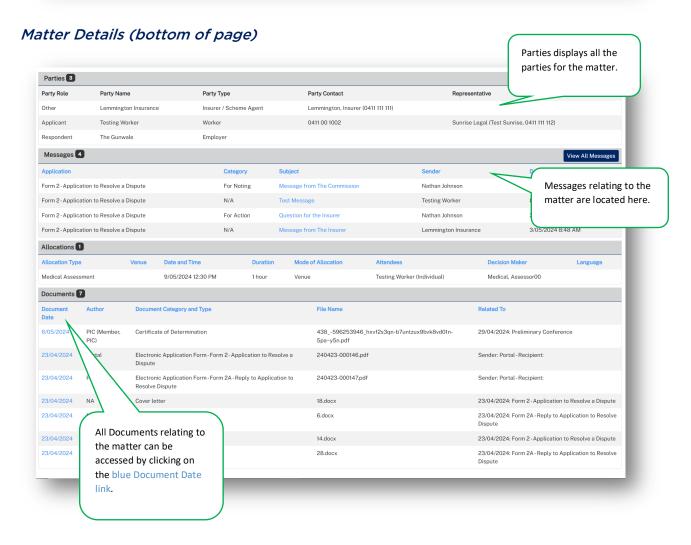
• Locate the Matter in Active Files and click on the blue matter number hyperlink.



> The Matter Details page displays.

#### Matter Details (top of page)

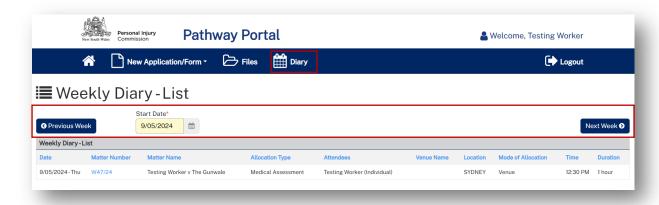




#### Diary page

The **Diary** displays any allocations (appointments) that have been scheduled.

If you need to attend, your name will be listed in the **Attendees** column. You will also receive an email with the **Venue** details.



#### Lodge a new application

#### Overview



This section will walk through how to lodge a new application in Pathway Portal.

Pathway Portal guides you through the information you are required to enter based on the form and dispute types. The online application forms have a series of pages to complete and common pages are:

- Notice to parties
- Matter Details
- Worker Details
- Insurer Details and Legal Representative details
- Supporting Documents (help text varies per application)
- Certification and Signature.
- The questions on each page will vary depending on the form selected.
- Lodging other forms will follow the same basic steps as above. The pages and questions will prompt you to provide the necessary information.
- Any fields that are yellow are mandatory and must be completed.
- If you read the page carefully and provide what is being asked, you will be able to navigate easily through any application form.

# What application forms can be submitted?

#### Forms and Form Names

Application forms that can be submitted by parties via Pathway Portal are:

Code	Form name
Form 1	Application for an Expedited Assessment
Form 1A	Application to Revoke an Interim Payment Direction
Form 2	Application to Resolve a Dispute
Form 2D	Application in Respect of Death of a Worker
Form 5A	Application to Register a Commutation Agreement
Form 6	Application to Resolve a Workplace Injury Management Dispute
Form 6B	Reply to Application to Resolve a Workplace Injury Management Dispute
Form 7	Application for Assessment by a Medical Assessor
Form 9	Application to Appeal against the Decision of a Member
Form 10	Application to Appeal against the Decision of a Medical Assessor
Form 11	Direction for Access to Information and Premises
Form 11B	Application to Cure a Defective Pre-Filing Settlement
Form 11C	Application for Mediation of a Work Injury Damages Claim
Form 11E	Application to Strike Out a Pre- Filing Statement
Form 15	Application for the Assessment of Costs
Form 15A	Application for the Assessment of Costs
Form 15B	Application for the Assessment of Costs
Form 20	Miscellaneous Application
Form 1B	Reply to Application for Expedited Assessment
Form 2A	Reply to an Application to Resolve a Dispute
Form 7A	Response to an Application for Medical Assessment
Form 9A	Notice of Opposition to Appeal Against the Decision of a Member
Form 10A	Notice of Opposition to Appeal Against the Decision of a Medical Assessor
Form 11D	Response to an Application for Mediation of a Worker Injury Damages Claim
Form 11F	Notice of Opposition to Strike Out a Pre-Filing Statement
P01	Application to Lodge Additional Documents

P02	Notice of Ceasing to Act
P03	Notice of Change of Legal Representatives
P04	Notice of Representation
P05	Direction for Production
P06	Notice of Discontinuance

#### How to lodge a new application

#### Instruction Page **New Application Form** Personal Injury Pathway Portal 1. Click on the New Application/Form and select Workers Compensation. Then choose the Form type from the dropdown. In this instance, Form 2 - Application Resolve a Dispute has been used. The Notice to Parties page displays. Notice to Parties Personal Injury Pathway Portal 2. Review, then click **Next** to proceed to begin Form 2-Notice to Parties completing the form. Completing a Form compensation for pain and suffering. > All forms are embedded in the Pathway Use the table below to decide the appropriate form. Portal. Weekly benefits up to 12 weeks <u>and/or</u> past medical expenses up to \$9,722\* > Data fields enable you to enter free text or select from drop down lists or calendars to complete relevant information required for each form. Failure to attach all relevant documents identified in this section will result in your application being reje When completing a form, all fields with a NOTICE TO RESPONDENT yellow background are mandatory, and each If you do not respond to the application, the Commission may progress insurer/scheme agent about lodging a reply. form may have differing mandatory fields to NOTICE TO PARTIES input. PRIVACY NOTICE You will be unable to move onto the next page unless all mandatory fields have been filled. Supporting documents are uploaded as a single file (see separate section below).

# Instruction Page Supporting Documents The **Supporting Documents** page provides Form 2-Supporting Documents information about what you need to lodge for certain form types. This example is for a Form 2 -Application to Resolve a Dispute. **Note:** Supporting evidence is to be submitted as a single indexed and paginated bundle and should not exceed 500 pages on certain initiating applications (Refer to PIC Rule 67). Click **Upload** or drag and drop the documents onto the page. **⚠** Upload See Appendix A – Document requirements for What are the document information on the acceptable file types and document requirements? requirements. 4. Select the document and click Open. Note: If the supporting document exceeds 500 pages a warning message will be displayed. Continuing to submit may result in the application being rejected by the Commission. Form 2-Supporting Documents To correct, re-upload supporting document under

Medical reviews and appeals

Dispute types excluded from the 500-page limit

Merit reviews and merit review panels

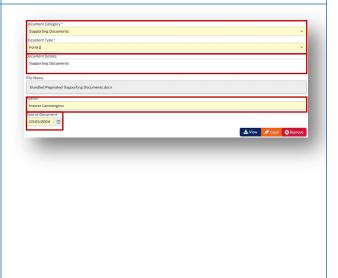
500 pages.

are:

- Settlement approvals
- Presidential appeals
- Expedited assessments
- Certain work injury damages disputes

#### 5. Add in the Document Details:

- Document Category Choose Cover Letter or Supporting Documents.
- Document Type Select from the dropdown menu. If a bundle is uploaded, select the application type – bundle as the document type, e.g., Medical dispute - bundle.
- Author Type in your name.
- **Document Details** Add any details for the uploaded documents.
- Date of Document Type in the date of upload or select the date from the calendar.



When you need to add more than 500 pages of supporting documents to your initiating application

- 6. Tick Lodge Additional Documents if required.
- 7. Click Next.
- The Service and Consent page displays.

#### Lodge Additional Documents

 Provide answers to the Service and Consent questions.

**Note**: Refer to the help text on the screen if your bundle contains multiple documents with varying dates.

**Note**: If the additional documents relate to medical proceedings, evidence of consent should be attached on the supporting documents page.

- 8. Click Next.
  - ➤ The Supporting Documents page displays
- 9. Upload your additional documents.
- 10. Add in the Document Details.
- 11. Click Next.





Instruction Page

#### Certification and Signature

You can now either **Save Draft** – see **Save Draft** below or **Submit** if the application is ready to submit see Submit below.

#### Save Draft

- 12. You can **Save Draft** so that the application can be reviewed before it is signed and submitted.
  - The draft application can be viewed in Temporary Applications with a status of Draft.
  - Click the **PDF icon** to view the draft.
  - Once the draft has been updated, you can submit the application by clicking on the Matter Number in Temporary Applications.



- **Check/update** any details by navigating to the **relevant page**.
- Once you are ready to submit the document, navigate to the Certification and Signature page and submit the document as shown below.



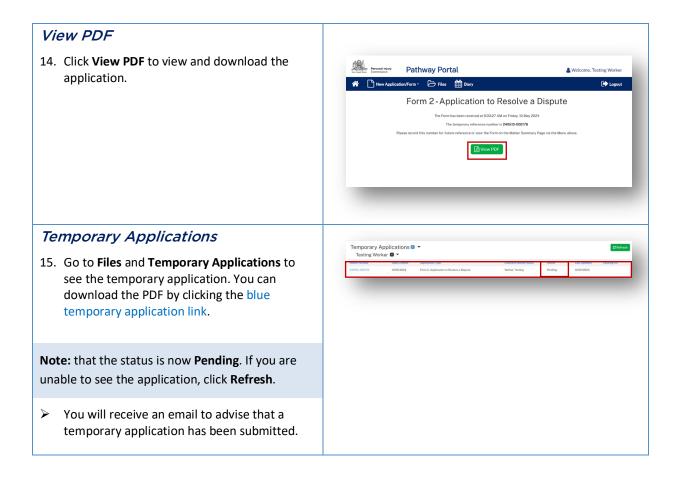
#### Submit

13. Confirm your declaration, signature and date and click **Submit**.

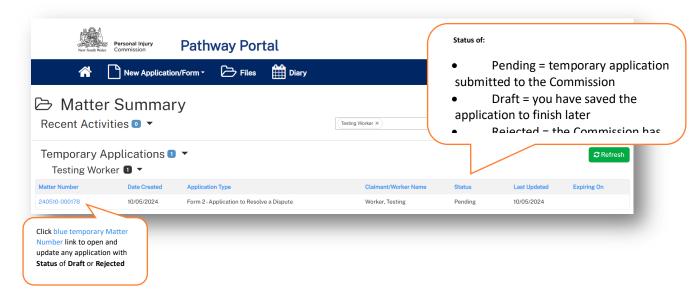


Once you have submitted the application, it will go to the **Commission Registry** as a **Temporary Application**, and it will appear on your **Temporary Applications List**.





#### **Temporary Applications**

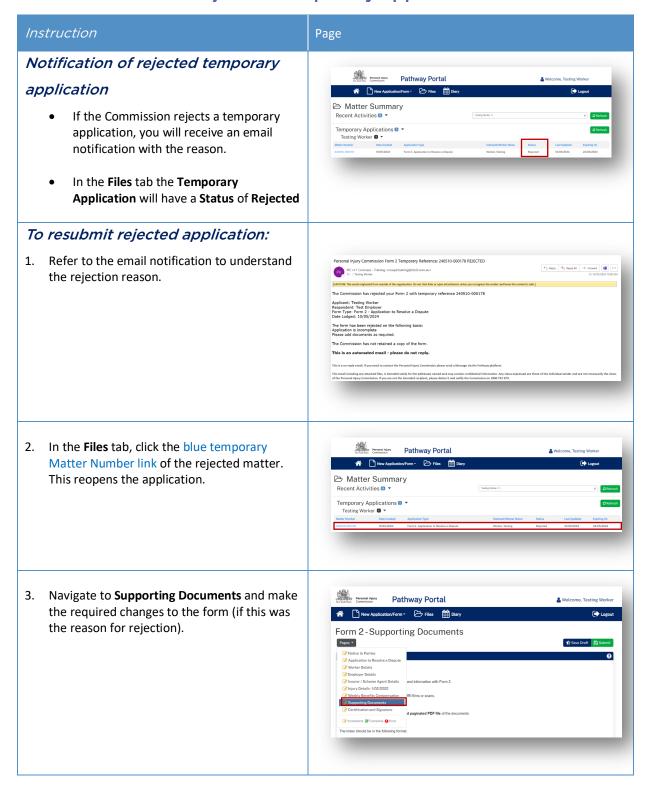


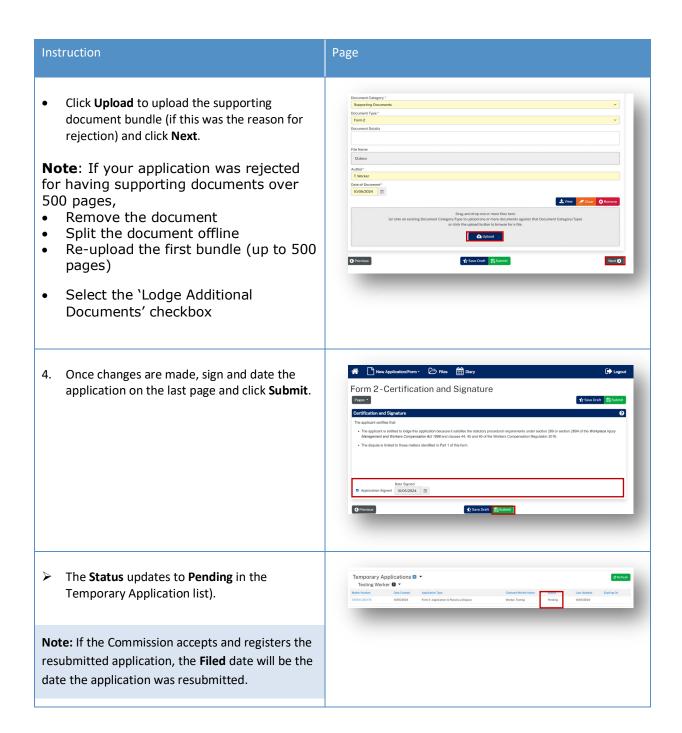
- Only the filing party will be able to see the temporary application in the Pathway Portal.
- When the application has been registered by the Commission it will then be shared with the respondent who needs to lodge a reply.

#### What happens next?

- The next step of the process is that the Commission will review and check the application and register it.
- The application is no longer temporary, it has now been converted to a full matter with a full matter number
- The Registry team will send you an email
- The application will now display in the **Recent Activities** section and **Active Files**.

# How to resubmit a rejected temporary application





#### Replies

#### How to complete a Reply - Respondent



A reply request arrives as **Unassigned** in the Pathway Portal and must be assigned to you.

Once a Reply Request is assigned, you will be able to view it in the My Reply Requests to action.

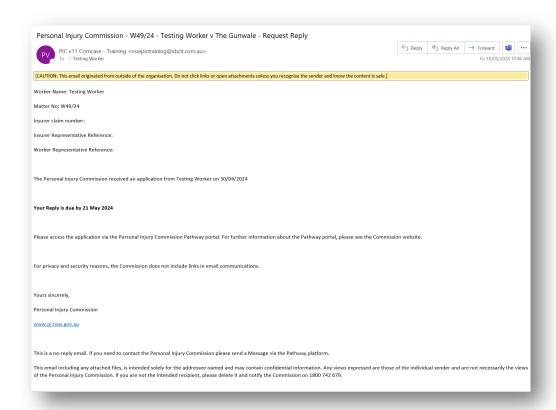
When a reply is completed, it starts as a temporary application which:

- Displays in the **Temporary Applications** section of Pathway Portal
- Has a temporary number.

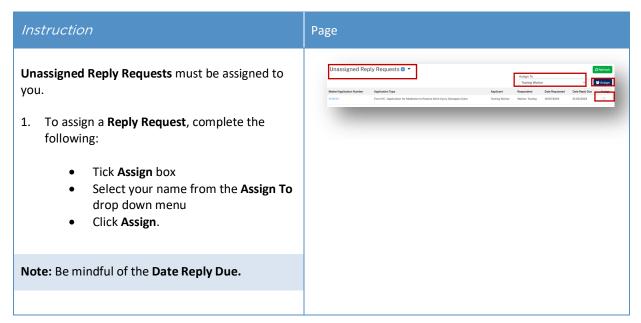


#### **Reply Request Notification**

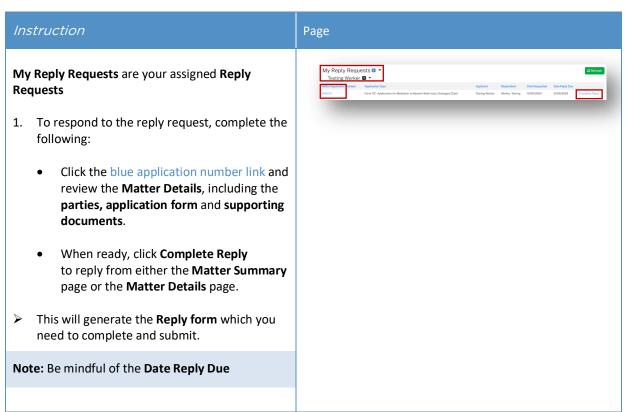
When a reply has been requested you will receive an email notification to advise that an application has been received by the Commission, the date the reply is due and to access the Pathway Portal to view the application and submit the reply.

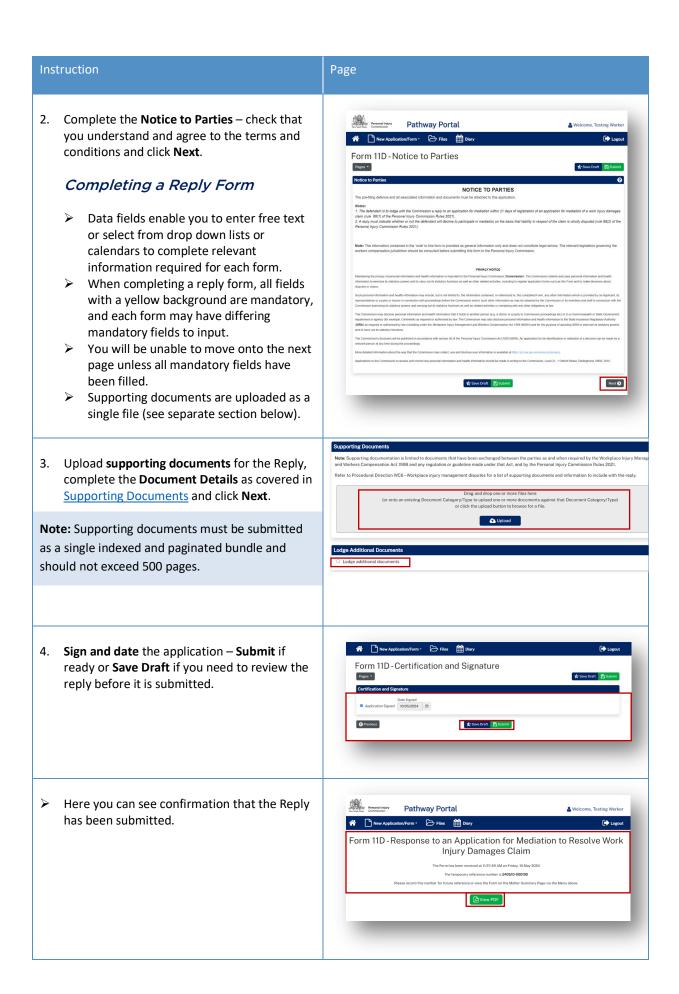


#### How to Assign the Reply Request



#### How to complete a Reply





#### How to view the Reply

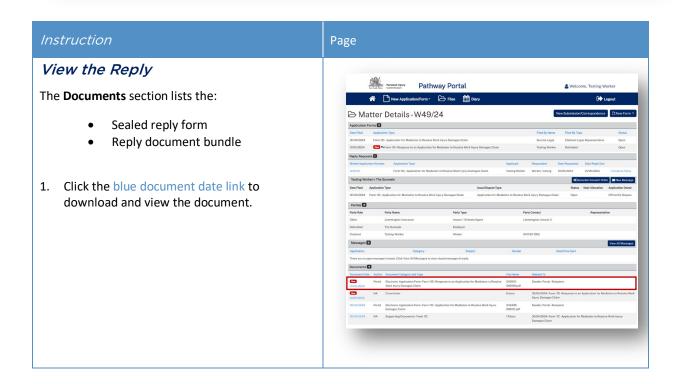
#### Reply registered email notification

When a reply is submitted, it will be reviewed and registered or rejected if it not compliant.

When a reply has been registered the Commission Registry team send an acceptance email to the:

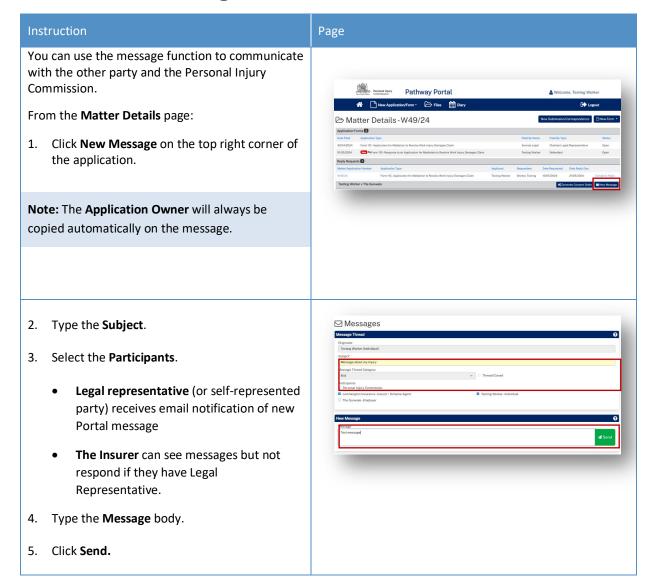
- 16. You (if you are the Applicant)
- 17. Respondent's Legal Representative or
- 18. Unrepresented parties.





#### Messages

#### How to send a message

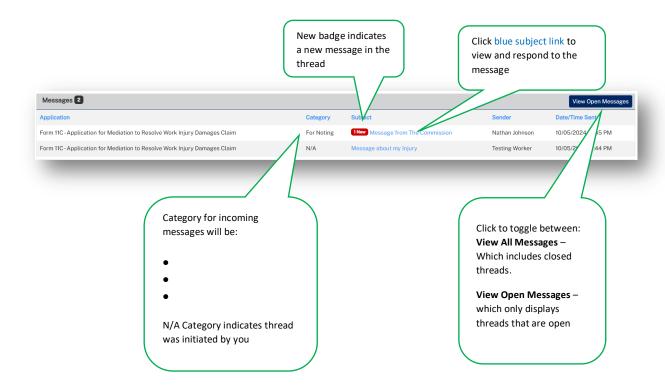


#### How to view messages

You may receive new messages from the other party or the Commission.

You will also get an **email notification** which contains the message subject line only (for cyber security reasons). You need to view message within the Pathway Portal.

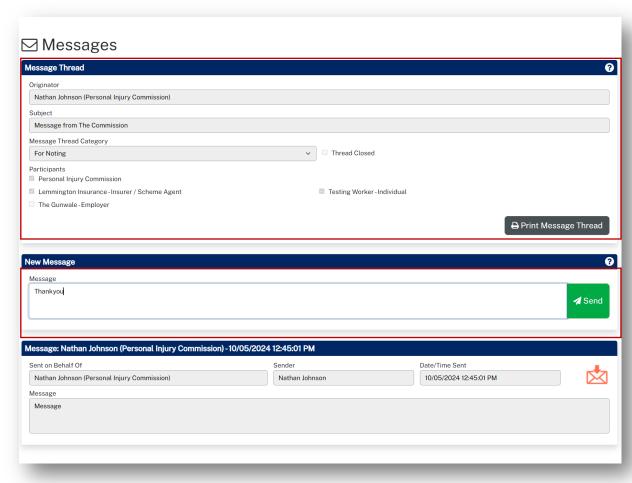
A list of message threads displays in **Messages** section of the **Matter Details**.



#### How to respond to messages

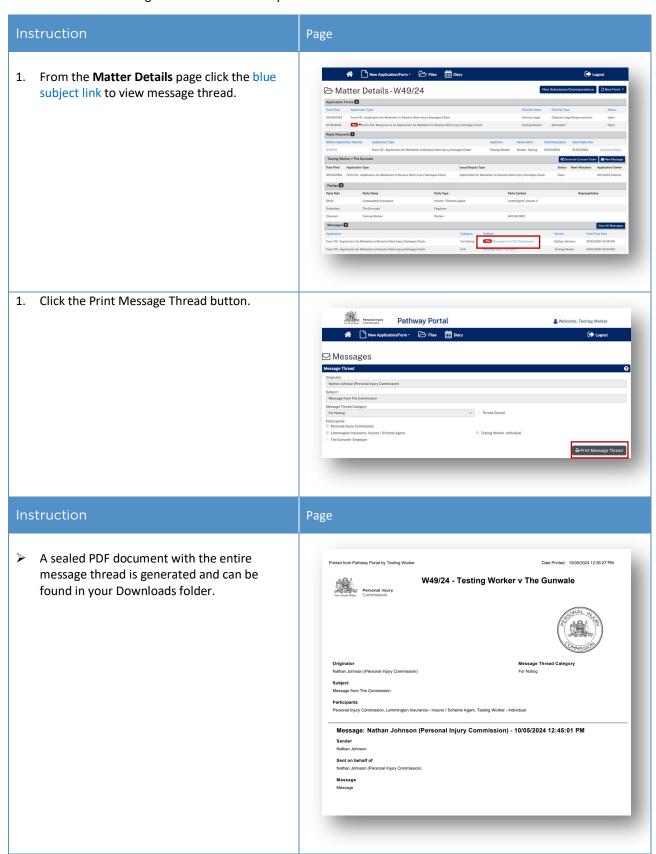
The most recent messages display at the top of the thread.

1. Type response to Message and click Send.



#### How to download a message thread

You can download message threads from Pathway Portal.



#### Case Management

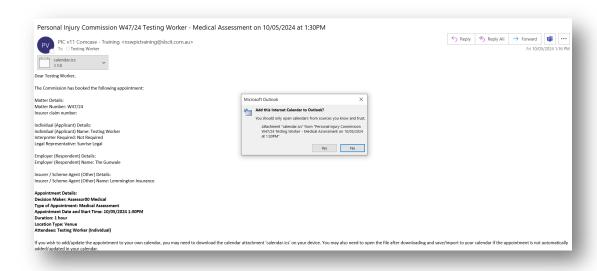


When the Commission allocates the dispute to a decision maker an email notification with date, time, venue, address and required attendees for the allocation (appointment) is automatically sent to:

- The legal representative for both parties or self-represented party
- The decision maker
- The claimant, for allocations that the claimant is required to attend
- The case owner will send an email with Teams link if allocation/appointment is to be virtual.

#### Allocation email notification

- The legal representatives for the parties (or self-represented parties) will receive an email when a new allocation/appointment is made.
- You can add the appointment to your local calendar by double clicking the calendar.ics attachment.
- For dispute resolution events or medical assessments to be conducted virtually via Teams, the case owner will send an email with the Teams link for the event/assessment.



#### How to view allocation details

In the Matter Details page, the Allocations section displays all the allocations/ appointments for the matter.



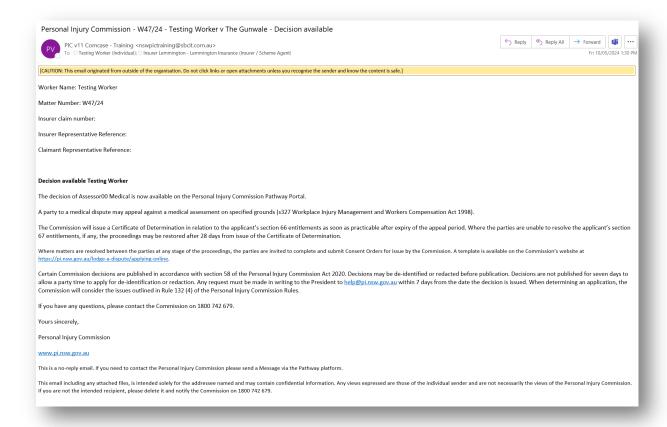
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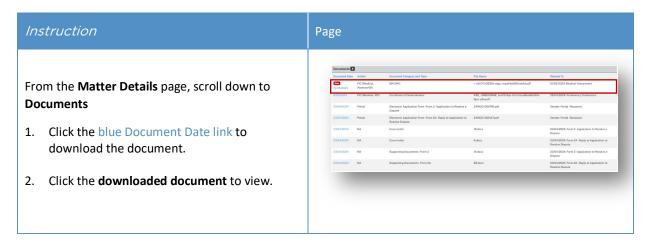
After the decision maker uploads the outcome document (interim or final) the Commission case owner:

- Seals the outcome document
- Sends the Legal Representative(s) and Unrepresented parties an email notification that the decision is available on Pathway Portal.

#### Decision available email notification

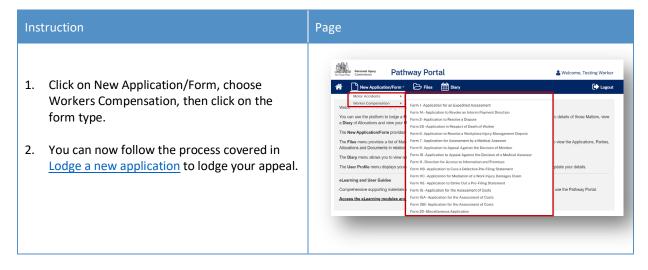


#### How to view the Outcome Document



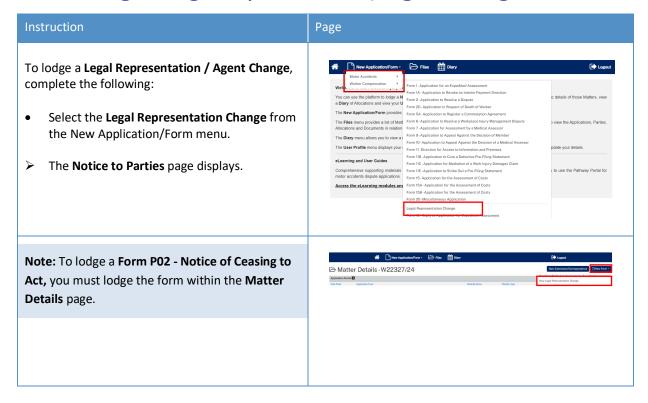
#### How to lodge an Appeal

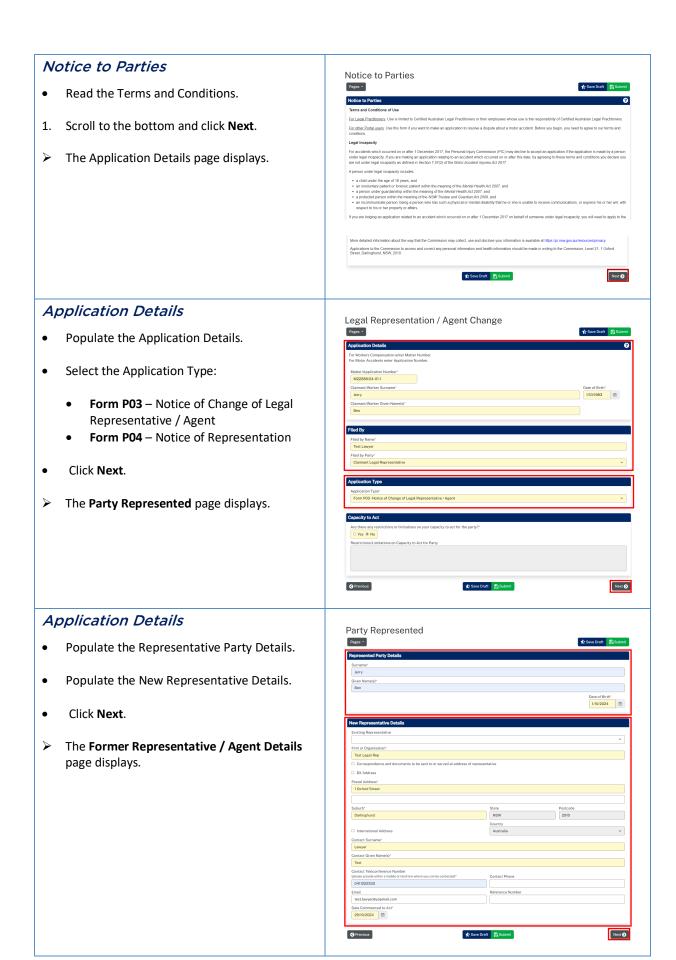
If you need to lodge an Appeal of a decision in the Pathway Portal, complete the following:



#### Lodge Legal Representation / Agent Change

#### How to lodge a Legal Representation / Agent Change





# Former Representative Details Populate the Former Representative Details. Populate the New Representative Details. Click Next. The Former Representative / Agent Details page displays. Read and tick the acknowledgments. Then either: Click Save Draft if application needs to be

reviewed internally before being submitted to

the Commission.

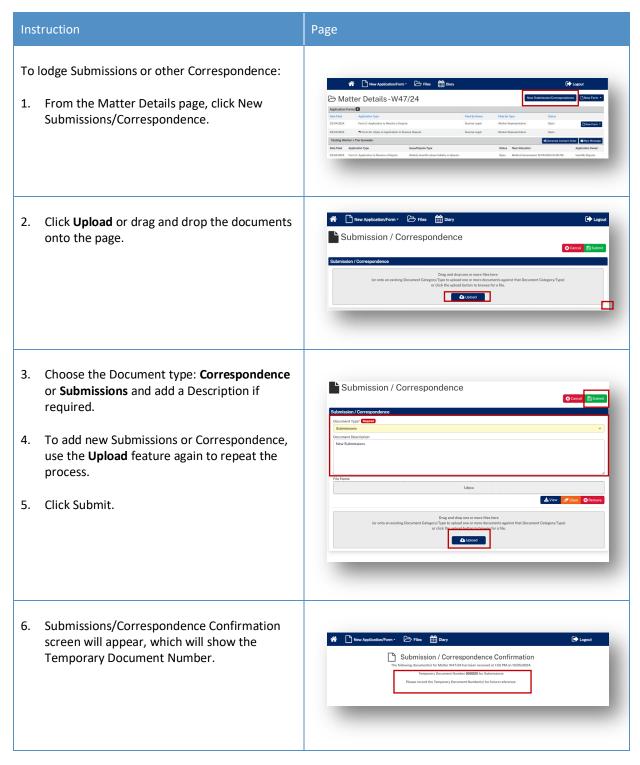
Click Submit.

#### Lodge Submissions and other Correspondence

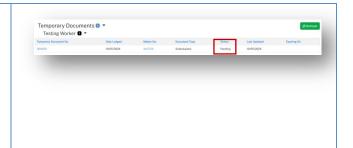
#### How to lodge Submissions and other Correspondence

It may be necessary to lodge submissions and other correspondence after you have submitted the application.

These documents are submitted via the Matter Summary using the **New Submission/Correspondence** tab.

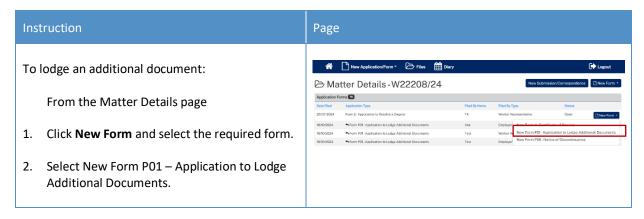


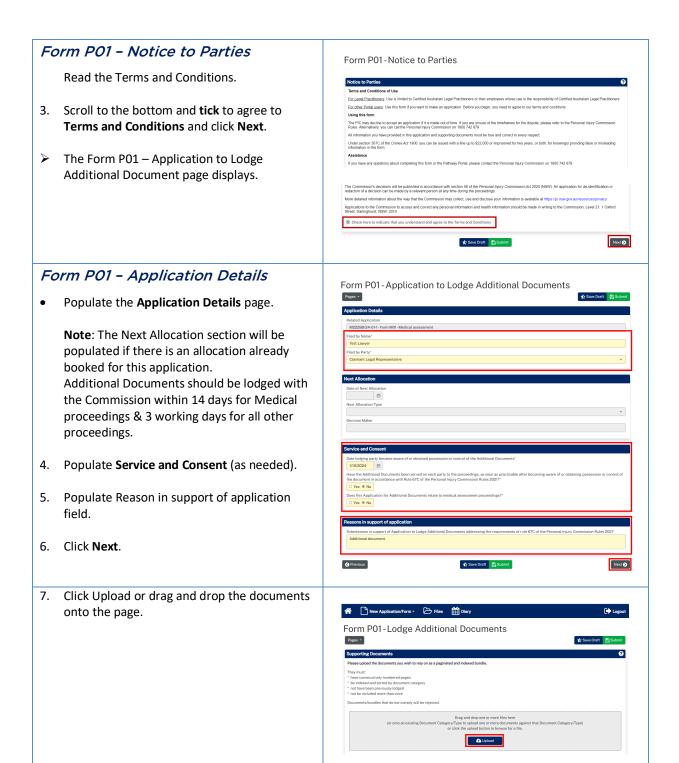
7. The document will now be visible under the Temporary Documents drop down on the Matter Summary screen with a status of Pending. The case owner will action the submitted correspondence.



## How to lodge an additional document after initiating application or reply

It may be necessary to lodge an additional document after you have submitted the application.





Form P01-Lodge Additional Documents 8. Add in the Document Details: **Document Type** – Select Form P01 from the drop-down menu. **Author** – Type in your name. **Date of Document** – Type in the date of upload or select the date from the calendar. 9. Click Next Next 🔊 10. Read and tick the acknowledgments. Form P01-Signature Then either: 11. Click **Save Draft** if application needs to be Date Signed

Application Signed 29/10/2024 reviewed internally before being submitted to Previous 🖈 Save Draft 📙 Submit the Commission.

12. Click Submit.

#### Appendix A - Document requirements

### What is the maximum document size and the file types that you can upload to the Pathway Portal?

Permitted file types: Size = 2GB (each file)							
.avi	.gif	.mp4	.pptx	.wma			
.CSV	.jpeg	.mpg	.rtf	.wmv			
.dicm	.jpg	.msg	.tif	.xls			
.doc	.mkv	.pdf	.tiff	.xlsx			
.docx	.mov	.png	.txt				
.eml	.mp3	.ppt	.wav				

**Note:** The document should be a single paginated, indexed bundle and must not exceed 500 pages.

#### What should I do if the document is bigger than the maximum size?

Contact the Commission and follow advice.

#### Appendix B - Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition	
Case Owner	The person responsible at the Commission for managing the case.	
Multi Factor Authentication (MFA)	When logging into Pathway Portal a code is sent to your email/mobile. The code needs to be entered in the MFA field before you can login. This code ensures that your access is protected and guards against cyber security attacks.	
Related matters	Matters or applications that are related, for example the same Claimant but a different accident date or a different Claimant for the same accident.	
Temporary Application	The state of an application before it becomes registered or a full matter.	

Registered Application	When a temporary application has been reviewed and registered by the Commission Registry it becomes a full matter.	
Yellow field	Indicates that data is mandatory.	
Blue link	Click to be taken to the Matter/Document/Task etc	
Allocation	An appointment or event that has been scheduled with a Medical Assessor, Member or Merit Reviewer.	

# Appendix C - Email Notifications - When and what happens

When	What happens		
An application is lodged in Pathway Portal	The applicant gets an email that temporary application received		
An application is registered / rejected by the Commission	The applicant gets an email notification		
A reply is requested	The respondent gets email notification		
A reply submitted	The respondent gets email notification that reply temporary application received		
Reply is registered / rejected by the Commission	The respondent and applicant get an email notification		
Allocation is booked / cancelled / rescheduled	The legal representative (or self-represented party) gets email notification		
Outcomes are available	The legal representative (or self-represented party) gets email notification		
Documents have been shared with you	The legal representative (or self-represented party) gets email notification		
You receive a message from the other party or the Commission	The legal representative (or self-represented party) gets email notification		
Application closed	The legal representative (or self-represented party) gets email notification		

#### Appendix D - Version Control

١	Version	Date	Author	Major changes	Approved by
	1.0	7 May 2024	Nate Johnson	Final Version	Melissa Golfes
	1.1	November 2024	Leo Lopez	Added Lodge Legal Representation Change     Added Submissions and Correspondence     How to lodge an additional document with an initiating application or reply     Added Reference to Rule 67	