

**Table 18: Table for the evaluation of minor skin impairment (TEMSKI)**

Criteria	0% WPI	1% WPI	2% WPI	3–4% WPI	5–9% WPI
Description of the scar(s) and/or skin condition(s) (shape, texture, colour)	Injured person is not conscious or is barely conscious of the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is conscious of the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is conscious of the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is conscious of the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is conscious of the scar(s) or skin condition
	Good colour match with surrounding skin and the scar(s) or skin condition is barely distinguishable	Some parts of the scar(s) or skin condition colour contrast with the surrounding skin as a result of pigmentary or other changes	Noticeable colour contrast of scar(s) or skin condition with surrounding skin as a result of pigmentary or other changes	Easily identifiable colour contrast of scar(s) or skin condition with surrounding skin as a result of pigmentary or other changes	Distinct colour contrast of scar(s) or skin condition with surrounding skin as a result of pigmentary or other changes
	Injured person is unable to easily locate the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is able to locate the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is able to easily locate the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is able to easily locate the scar(s) or skin condition	Injured person is able to easily locate the scar(s) or skin condition
	No trophic changes	Minimal trophic changes	Trophic changes evident to touch	Trophic changes evident to touch	Trophic changes are visible
	Any staple marks or suture marks are barely visible	Any staple marks or suture marks are visible	Any staple marks or suture marks are clearly visible	Any staple marks or suture marks are clearly visible	Any staple marks or suture marks are clearly visible
Location	Anatomic location of the scar(s) or skin condition is not clearly visible with usual clothing/hairstyle	Anatomic location of the scar(s) or skin condition is not usually visible with usual clothing/hairstyle	Anatomic location of the scar(s) or skin condition is usually visible with usual clothing/hairstyle	Anatomic location of the scar(s) or skin condition is usually visible with usual clothing/hairstyle	Anatomic location of the scar(s) or skin condition is usually and clearly visible with usual clothing/hairstyle
Contour	No contour defect	Minor contour defect	Contour defect visible	Contour defect easily visible	Contour defect easily visible
ADL/ treatment	No effect on any ADL	Negligible effect on any ADL	Minor limitation in the performance of few ADL	Minor limitation in the performance of few ADL <i>and</i> exposure to chemical or physical agents (for example sunlight, heat, cold etc) may temporarily increase limitation	Limitation in the performance of few ADL ( <i>in addition to</i> restriction in grooming and dressing) <i>and</i> exposure to chemical or physical agents (for example sunlight, heat, cold etc) may temporarily increase limitation or restriction
	No treatment, or intermittent treatment only, required	No treatment, or intermittent treatment only, required	No treatment, or intermittent treatment only, required	No treatment, or intermittent treatment only, required	No treatment, or intermittent treatment only, required
Adherence to underlying structures	No adherence	No adherence	No adherence	Some adherence	Some adherence

**Note:** This table uses the principle of *best fit*. Medical assessors should assess the impairment to the whole skin system against each criteria and then determine which impairment category best fits (or describes) the impairment. A skin impairment will usually meet most, but does not need to meet all, criteria to best fit a particular impairment category.