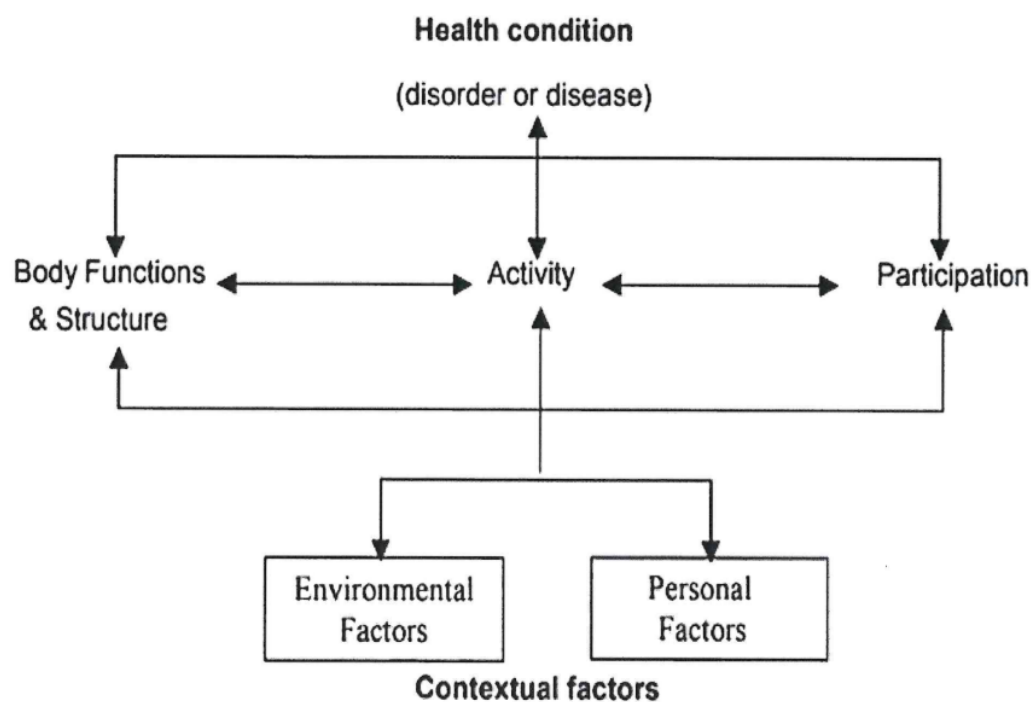


Disability Assessment is a system of evaluating an individual's health condition in relation to ability for work.

Over time, various systems and methods have been proposed internationally for example, World Health Organisation (WHO) – International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) from which the Biopsychosocial Model is derived, and most countries have adopted this model in various forms.

This approach is more holistic and reflective of overall health and functioning as compared to other models of disability assessment such as, Biomedical Model or Functional Capacity Model, or even the WHODAS 2.0 (World Health Organisation Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0).

The Biopsychosocial Model takes into consideration,



In the MRAS, Medical Assessors follow this system and from the information provided by customers and their health providers. All relevant information in relation to the individual's illness/disease, day-to-day activities, and tasks completion including participation in society, and the interaction with external or environmental barriers, and individual factors such as skills, education attainment, adaptability, tolerance etc to get overall assessment of functioning and ability to engage in suitable work.

This concept of disability assessment is adopted by the Department of Social Protection as the preferred method over other methods as alluded above. Since Biopsychosocial Model is a well-recognised concept and its literature is widely available, the Medical Review and Assessment Section do not keep an official copy of BPS model in our database.