

REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY

INSTRUMENT NO. 41 OF 2009

VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986
MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR TABLING

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) has determined, under subsection 196B(2) & (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA) Statement of Principles Instrument No. 41 of 2009.
2. This instrument amends Instrument No. 85 of 2007 Statement of Principles concerning systemic lupus erythematosus ('the Instrument') by:
 - replacing existing factors "(a)" and "(e)" concerning 'respirable crystalline silica dust' in clause 6; and
 - inserting new factors "(da)" and "(ia)" concerning 'sunlight or ultraviolet light' in clause 6.
3. The Instrument also specifies a date of effect for the amendment in accordance with sub-section 12(1)(a) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.
4. Prior to determining this instrument, the Authority advertised its intention to undertake an investigation in relation to systemic lupus erythematosus in the Government Notices Gazette of 5 November 2008, and circulated a copy of the notice of intention to investigate to a wide range of organisations representing veterans, service personnel and their dependants. The Authority invited submissions from the Repatriation Commission, organisations and persons referred to in section 196E of the VEA, and any person having expertise in the field. Two submissions were received for consideration by the Authority during the investigation.
5. The determining of this new instrument finalises the investigation in relation to systemic lupus erythematosus as advertised in the Government Notices Gazette of 5 November 2008.

6. A list of references relating to the above condition is available to any person or organisation referred to in subsection 196E(1)(a) to (c) of the VEA. Any such request must be made in writing to the Repatriation Medical Authority at the following address:

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