



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY

INSTRUMENT NO. 77 OF 2011

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. 77 of 2011.
2. This Instrument amends Statement of Principles Instrument No. 39 of 2008, as amended by Instrument No. 51 of 2009, concerning **acquired cataract** by:
 - Replacing existing factors 6(e) & 6(r) with factors concerning 'ionising radiation';
 - Deleting existing factors 6(f) & 6(s) as they are now subsumed by new factors 6(e) & 6(r) respectively;
 - Re-numbering existing factors 6(g) to 6(r) as 6(f) to 6(q) respectively;
 - Re-numbering existing factors 6(t) to 6(aa) as 6(r) to 6(y) respectively;
 - Replacing the existing clause 7 to reflect the changes to the factors;
 - Replacing the existing definition of "cumulative equivalent dose" in clause 9; and
 - Deleting the definitions of "a course of therapeutic radiation" and "atomic radiation" from clause 9.
3. This Instrument also specifies a date of effect for the amendment in accordance with subsection 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 acquired cataract in the Government Notices Gazettes of 1 September 2010 and 3 November 2010, and circulated a copy of the notices 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. No submissions were received for consideration by the Authority during the investigation.

5. The determining of this Instrument finalises the investigation in relation to acquired cataract as advertised in the Government Notices Gazettes of 1 September 2010 and 3 November 2010.
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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