



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning

NON-HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA

No. 57 of 2014

for the purposes of the

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
and

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma No. 57 of 2014.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Instrument No. 28 of 2010, by:
 - (A) Replacing factor (t) in clause 6 as follows:
 - "(t) being exposed to benzene:
 - (i) for a cumulative total of at least 2 500 hours within a continuous period of ten years before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and
 - (ii) where the first exposure in that period occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and
 - (iii) where the last exposure in that period occurred within the 25 years before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; or"; and
 - (B) Inserting definitions for "being exposed to benzene" and "8-hour time-weighted average" in clause 9 as follows:

"being exposed to benzene" means:

 - (a) having cutaneous contact with liquids containing benzene greater than 5% by volume;
 - (b) ingesting liquids containing benzene greater than 5% by volume; or

- (c) inhaling benzene vapour where such exposure occurs at an ambient 8-hour time-weighted average benzene concentration exceeding five parts per million; and

"8-hour time-weighted average" means the averaging of different exposure levels to benzene during an average exposure period equivalent to eight hours;.

3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 28 of 2010, section 120A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
4. The amendments made by this instrument take effect from 7 May 2014.

Dated this *twenty-fourth* day of *April* 2014

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed to this instrument)
in the presence of:)

PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
CHAIRPERSON