



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning

NON-HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA

No. 93 of 2015

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. 93 of 2015.
2. In accordance with the Specialist Medical Review Council Declaration No. 26 of 24 April 2015 under subsection 196W(4) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Repatriation Medical Authority amends, pursuant to subsection 196B(10) of the VEA, Statement of Principles concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Instrument No. 28 of 2010, as amended, by:
 - (A) Inserting new factor "(va)" following factor "(v)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(va) having received a cumulative equivalent dose of at least 0.1 sievert of ionising radiation to the bone marrow at least five years before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; or"; and
 - (B) Inserting a definition of "cumulative equivalent dose" in clause 9 as follows:

"cumulative equivalent dose" means the total dose of ionising radiation received by the particular organ or tissue. The formula used to calculate the cumulative equivalent dose allows doses from multiple types of ionising radiation to be combined, by accounting for their differing biological effect. The unit of equivalent dose is the sievert. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, the calculation of cumulative equivalent dose excludes doses received from normal background radiation, but includes therapeutic radiation, diagnostic

radiation, cosmic radiation at high altitude, radiation from occupation-related sources and radiation from nuclear explosions or accidents;'.
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3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 28 of 2010, as amended, 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 27 April 2015.

Dated this **nineteenth** day of **June** 2015

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed at the direction of:)



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