



Australian Government

**Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986**  
**Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004**  
**Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006**

**Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Updating of  
Rehabilitation Appliance Schedule/VVCS Outreach  
Program Counsellors Fees Schedule) Amendment  
Instrument 2015**

Instrument 2015 No.R73/MRCC73

I, Stuart Robert, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, as required by subsection 90(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA), subsection 286(3) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA) and subsection 16(7) of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006* (APBNT(T)A), approve:

- (a) under the VEA — the variations to the *Treatment Principles* by the Repatriation Commission in Schedule 1.
- (b) under the MRCA — the variations to the *MRCA Treatment Principles* by the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission in Schedule 2.
- (c) under the APBNT(T)A — the variations to the *Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006* by the Repatriation Commission in Schedule 3.

Dated this 23 day of November 2015

Stuart Robert

**STUART ROBERT**

The Repatriation Commission (RC) makes the variations to the *Treatment Principles* in Schedule 1 under subsection 90(4) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and makes the variations to the *Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006* in Schedule 3 under subsection 16(6) of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006*.

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (MRCC) makes the variations to the *MRCA Treatment Principles* in Schedule 2 under subsection 286(2) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

Dated this 5th day of November 2015

The Seals of the )  
Repatriation Commission and )  
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission) SEALS  
were affixed hereto in the )  
presence of: )

Simon Lewis

Craig Orme

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**SIMON LEWIS**  
**RC PRESIDENT/MRCC CHAIR**

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**CRAIG ORME**  
**RC DEPUTY PRESIDENT/MRCC MEMBER**

Rear Admiral Robyn Walker

Jennifer Taylor

Air Vice - Marshal Tony Needham

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**REAR ADMIRAL ROBYN WALKER** **MS JENNIFER TAYLOR** **AIR VICE-MARSHAL TONY NEEDHAM**  
**AM RAN** **MEMBER** **AM**  
**MEMBER** **MEMBER**

## **Name**

- 1 This instrument is the *Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Updating of Rehabilitation Appliance Schedule/VVCS Outreach Program Counsellors Fees Schedule) Amendment Instrument 2015*.

## **Commencement**

- 2 This instrument commences on the day after registration.

## **Schedule 1**

The *Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. R52) is varied in accordance with Part A.

## **Part A**

### **Variations to the Treatment Principles**

#### **1. Schedule 1**

*substitute:*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b></p>
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The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Allied Health Providers (paragraphs 3.5.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);
5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);
6. Pricing Schedule for visual aids (paragraph 3.5.1);
7. The fifth edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (commonly known as DSM-5) (paragraph 2.4.2A);
8. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
9. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
10. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

11. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
12. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
14. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
16. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
18. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
20. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
22. Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs Classification System and Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees — Community Nursing Services (paragraph 6A.4.2(b));
23. Notes for Coordinated Veterans' Care Program Providers (Part 6A);
24. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);
25. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
26. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Services (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Provider Notes (paragraph 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
27. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

28. General information about VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (paragraph 1.4.1);

29. Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists & General Practitioners through the Medical Benefits Schedule Initiative

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mentalhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/better-access-through-mbs-1>;

30. Gold Card (paragraph 1.4.1);

31. White Card (paragraph 1.4.1).

is 1 November 2015.

## **Schedule 2**

The *MRCA Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. MRCC53) is varied in accordance with Part A.



## Part A

### Variations to the MCRA Treatment Principles

#### 1. Schedule 1

*substitute:*

<b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b>
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The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Allied Health Providers (paragraphs 3.5.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);
5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);
6. Pricing Schedule for visual aids (paragraph 3.5.1);
7. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
8. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
9. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
10. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
12. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

13. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
14. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
16. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
18. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
20. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs Classification System and Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees — Community Nursing Services (paragraph 6A.4.2(b));
22. Notes for Coordinated Veterans' Care Program Providers (Part 6A);
23. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);
24. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
25. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Services (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Provider Notes (paragraph 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
26. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
27. General information about VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (paragraph 1.4.1);

28. Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists & General Practitioners through the Medical Benefits Schedule Initiative:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mentalhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/better-access-through-mbs-1>;

29. Gold Card (paragraph 1.4.1);
30. White Card (paragraph 1.4.1);

is 1 November 2015.

### **Schedule 3**

The Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006 (Instrument 2013 No. R54) is varied in accordance with Part A.

## Part A

# Variation to the Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006

## 1. 59. Schedule 1

*substitute:*

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*substitute:*

<b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b>
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The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Allied Health Providers (paragraphs 3.5.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);
5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);
6. Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids (paragraph 3.5.1);
7. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
8. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
9. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

10. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
12. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
14. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
16. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
18. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
20. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs Classification System and Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees — Community Nursing Services;
22. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);
23. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
24. White Card (paragraph 1.4.1);

is 1 November 2015.