



Australian Government

***Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986***  
***Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004***

**Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Benefits Schemes**  
**Amendment Instrument 2018**

Instrument 2018 No. R34/MRCC34

I, MARK CORMACK, Chief Operating Officer, as delegate of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, approve:

- (a) under section 91 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the variations by the Repatriation Commission of the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* in the following instrument; and
- (b) under section 286 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, the variations by the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission of the *MRCA Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* in the following instrument.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018

Mark Cormack

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The Repatriation Commission, under section 91 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, makes the

variations to the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* in the following instrument.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018

The Seal of the )  
Repatriation Commission )  
was affixed hereto in the )SEAL  
presence of: )

Elizabeth Cosson

**ELIZABETH COSSON**  
**AM CSC**  
**PRESIDENT**

John Fely

**JOHN FELY**  
**ACTING DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, under section 286 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, makes the variations to the *MRCA Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* in the following instrument.

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## **1 Name**

This instrument is the *Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Benefits Schemes Amendment Instrument 2018*.

## **2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 1 July 2018.

## **3 Authority**

This instrument is made under:

- (a) section 91 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* in respect of the variations to the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* in Schedule 1; and
- (b) section 286 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* in respect of the variations to the *MRCA Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* in Schedule 2.

## **4 Schedules**

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is varied as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

## **Schedule 1-Variations to the *Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (Instrument 2013 No. R34)***

### **[1] Section 3 – definition of *Explanatory Notes***

*substitute:*

***Explanatory Notes*** means:

- (a) the document forming part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that is SECTION 1- EXPLANATORY NOTES; and
- (b) the document forming part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that is the RPBS Explanatory Notes;

being the version of the documents in the form in which they exist from time to time.

### **[2] Section 3 – definition of *PBS or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme***

*substitute:*

***PBS or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme*** means the document entitled “SCHEDULE OF PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS” with International Standard Serial Number 1037-3667, being the version of the document in the form in which it exists from time to time.

### **[3] Section 3 – definition of *Repatriation Health card – For Specific Conditions***

*substitute:*

***Repatriation Health Card - For Specific Conditions*** means an identification card, or written authorisation, provided to a person who is eligible:

- (a) under section 85 of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* for treatment, for war-caused or defence-caused injuries or diseases, and certain specified conditions; or

(b) for treatment under a determination made under section 88A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

**[4] Section 3 – definition of *RPBS Explanatory Notes***

*substitute:*

***RPBS Explanatory Notes*** means the document forming part of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* that is the RPBS Explanatory Notes being the version of the document in the form in which it exists from time to time.

**[5] Section 3 – definition of *RPBS Schedule***

*substitute:*

***RPBS Schedule*** means the document forming part of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme* that is the *Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits*, being the version of the document in the form in which it exists from time to time.

**[6] Section 3 – definition of *Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement***

*substitute:*

***Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement*** means the written agreement between the Australian Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia called the “Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement” which relates to the delivery of *PBS* medicines and related services, being the version of the agreement in the form in which it exists from time to time.

**[7] Schedule 1 – Incorporated Documents**

*substitute:*

**SCHEDULE 1 – INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are incorporated by reference into the *Scheme* in the form in which they exist from time to time:

- *Explanatory Notes*

<http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/healthpro/explanatory-notes>

- *RPBS Explanatory Notes*

<https://www.pbs.gov.au/info/browse/rpbs/rpbs-explanatorynotes>

- *PBS or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme*

<http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/publications>

- *RPBS Schedule*

<http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/rpbs>

Note: “RPBS Schedule” is defined to mean the Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits which is further defined.

- *Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement*

[https://www.guild.org.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/6100/6cpa-final-24-may-201558b59133c06d6d6b9691ff000026bd16.pdf](https://www.guild.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/6100/6cpa-final-24-may-201558b59133c06d6d6b9691ff000026bd16.pdf)

**Schedule 2-Variations to the *MRCA  
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (Instrument  
2013 No. MRCC 34)***

**[1] Section 3 – definition of *Explanatory Notes***

*substitute:*

***Explanatory Notes*** means:

- (c) the document forming part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that is SECTION 1- EXPLANATORY NOTES; and
- (d) the document forming part of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme that is the RPBS Explanatory Notes;

being the version of the documents in the form in which they exist from time to time.

**[2] Section 3 – definition of *PBS* or *Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme***

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