



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**MORBID OBESITY**

**No. 76 of 2019**

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 morbid obesity No. 76 of 2019.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning morbid obesity Instrument No. 6 of 2014 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2014L00022) by:
  - (A) Replacing the definition of "morbid obesity" in clause 3(b) as follows:

"(b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, **"morbid obesity"** means an excessive accumulation of fat in the body resulting in:

    - (i) a Body Mass Index (BMI) of at least 40; or
    - (ii) in those aged 18 years or younger, a BMI of at least 120 percent of the 97th percentile in the 2007 *World Health Organisation Body Mass Index Charts, for Age and Gender.*"; and
  - (B) Revising the definition of "BMI" in clause 9 as follows:

**"BMI"** means  $W/H^2$  where:  
W is the person's weight in kilograms; and  
H is the person's height in metres;'

3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 22 July 2019.

Dated 21 June 2019

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



PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO  
CHAIRPERSON