



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE EYE**  
**(Balance of Probabilities)**  
**(No. 20 of 2020)**

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The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 28 February 2020

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Saunders', written over a horizontal line.

Professor Nicholas Saunders AO  
Chairperson

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**1 Name**

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *malignant neoplasm of the eye (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 20 of 2020).

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 23 March 2020.

**3 Authority**

This instrument is made under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

**4 Amendment**

The Statement of Principles concerning *malignant neoplasm of the eye (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 28 of 2018) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2018L00197) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
9(4)	<p><i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(4) with the following:</i></p> <p>being treated with an immunosuppressive drug:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) for a cumulative period of at least three months before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the eye; and</li><li>(b) where the first treatment occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the eye; and</li><li>(c) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the eye has occurred within ten years of cessation;</li></ul> <p>Note: <i>immunosuppressive drug</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p>
Schedule 1 – Dictionary	<p><i>Replace the existing definition of "immunosuppressive drug" with the following:</i></p> <p><b>immunosuppressive drug</b> means a drug or an agent which results in substantial suppression of immune responses.</p> <p>Note: Examples of an immunosuppressive drug include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) chemotherapeutic agents used for the treatment of cancer;</li><li>(b) corticosteroids, other than inhaled or topical corticosteroids;</li><li>(c) drugs used to prevent transplant rejection; and</li><li>(d) tumour necrosis factor-<math>\alpha</math> inhibitors.</li></ul>