



Australian Government

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Extend Support Provided Under the Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program) Amendment Determination 2022

Instrument 2022 No.R16/MRCC16

I, Vicki Rundle, as delegate of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, approve:

- (a) for the purposes of subsection 90(6) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* — the variations by the Repatriation Commission of the *Treatment Principles* in the following determination; and
- (b) for the purposes of subsection 286(6) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* — the variations by the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission of the *MRCA Treatment Principles* in the following determination.

Dated this 30th day of June 2022

...Vicki Rundle...

Vicki Rundle
Deputy Secretary, Veteran and Family Services Group
Department of Veterans' Affairs

The Repatriation Commission, under subsection 90(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, makes the variations to the *Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. R52) in the following determination.

Dated this 30th day of June 2022

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

.....Kate Pope.....
Spinks....

...Donald

KATE POPE	DONALD SPINKS
PSM	AM
ACTING PRESIDENT	COMMISSIONER
	...Gwen Cherne...
	GWEN CHERNE
	COMMISSIONER

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission makes, under subsection 286(5) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, the variations to the *MRCA Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. MRCC53) in the following determination.

Dated 30th day of June 2022

The Seal of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission was affixed to this determination in the presence of:

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..... Kate Pope..... Donald Spinks.....

KATE POPE	DONALD SPINKS
PSM	AM
CHAIR	MEMBER
.....Gwen Cherne..... Aaron Hughes.....	
GWEN CHERNE	AARON HUGHES
MEMBER	MEMBER

1 Name

This instrument is the *Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Extend Support Provided Under the Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program) Amendment Determination 2022*.

2 Commencement

This determination commences on 1 July 2022.

3 Authority

This determination is made under:

- (a) subsection 90(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* in respect of the variations to the *Treatment Principles* in Schedule 1; and
- (b) subsection 286(5) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* in respect of the variations to the *MRCA Treatment Principles* 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 determination has effect according to its terms.

**Schedule 1 - *Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. R52)
(F2021C00586)**

[1] After paragraph 11.3.5.3:

Insert:

11.3.5.3A The *Commission* may accept financial responsibility for the reasonable costs, incurred on or after 1 July 2022, associated with a person keeping a psychiatric assistance dog while the dog remains in the care of the person if:

- (a) the person is an *entitled veteran*; and
- (b) the person has an accepted condition of post-traumatic stress disorder or a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder from a *psychiatrist*; and
- (c) the person has undergone treatment, or is undergoing treatment, by a *psychiatrist* or a *psychologist* for post-traumatic stress disorder and has accessed such treatment for at least 3 months; and
- (d) the *Commission* is satisfied that:
 - (i) the dog was supplied to the person before 27 September 2019; or
 - (ii) the dog was supplied to the person on or after 27 September 2019 in connection with the person commencing training with the dog, or another psychiatric assistance dog, before 27 September 2019; and
- (e) the person satisfies any other criteria determined by the *RAP Guidelines* for the purposes of this subparagraph.

**Schedule 2 - Variations to the *MRCA Treatment Principles*
(Instrument 2013 No. MRCC53) [F2021C00583]**

[1] After paragraph 11.3.5.3:

Insert:

11.3.5.3A The *Commission* may accept financial responsibility for the reasonable costs, incurred on or after 1 July 2022, associated with a person keeping a psychiatric assistance dog while the dog remains in the care of the person if:

- (a) the person is an *entitled member*; and
- (b) the person has an accepted condition of post-traumatic stress disorder or a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder from a *psychiatrist*; and
- (c) the person has undergone treatment, or is undergoing treatment, by a *psychiatrist* or a *psychologist* for post-traumatic stress disorder and has accessed such treatment for at least 3 months; and
- (d) the *Commission* is satisfied that:
 - (i) the dog was supplied to the person before 27 September 2019; or
 - (ii) the dog was supplied to the person on or after 27 September 2019 in connection with the person commencing training with the dog, or another psychiatric assistance dog, before 27 September 2019; and
- (e) the person satisfies any other criteria determined by the *RAP Guidelines* for the purposes of this subparagraph.