



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
ALLERGIC CONTACT DERMATITIS
(Balance of Probabilities)
(No. 89 of 2022)

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

Dated 23 August 2022

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

Professor Terence Campbell AM
Chairperson

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1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *allergic contact dermatitis (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 89 of 2022).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 19 September 2022.

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 *allergic contact dermatitis (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 2 of 2021) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2021L00033) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
9(1)	<i>Delete Note 2 and Note 3 and insert the following note:</i> Note 2: Cross-sensitisation may occur between allergens.
9(1A)	<i>Insert the following factor as subsection 9(1A):</i> having a sensitising exposure to an allergen before the clinical onset of allergic contact dermatitis; Note: <i>sensitising exposure to an allergen</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.
9(2)	<i>Delete Note 2 and Note 3 and insert the following note:</i> Note 2: Cross-sensitisation may occur between allergens.
Schedule 1 – Dictionary	<i>Insert the following definition of "sensitising exposure to an allergen" in alphabetical order:</i> <i>sensitising exposure to an allergen</i> means an exposure to an allergen without the occurrence of symptoms, where the clinical onset of allergic contact dermatitis occurs within the two weeks of a subsequent exposure to the same allergen. Note: The initial sensitising exposure to an allergen may be either systemic or cutaneous and may have occurred months to years before the re-exposure that has resulted in the contact dermatitis.