

Amendment Statement of Principles

concerning

DEPRESSIVE DISORDER
(Balance of Probabilities)

(No. 28 of 2024)

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

Dated 22 February 2024.

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| The Common Seal of theRepatriation Medical Authoritywas affixed to this instrumentat the direction of: |
| Professor Terence Campbell AMChairperson |

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1. Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *depressive disorder* *(Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 28 of 2024).

1. Commencement

 This instrument commences on **26 March 2024**.

1. Authority

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

1. Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *depressive disorder (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 12 of 2024) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2024L00046 is amended in the following manner:

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| **Section**  | **Amendment** |
| *9(7)* | *Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(7) with the following*:experiencing a category 2 stressor within the 6 months before the clinical onset of major depressive disorder, major depressive episode, persistent depressive disorder or premenstrual dysphoric disorder; Note 1: A category 2 stressor can arise in a variety of circumstances connected with service. Such circumstances can arise during the course of service, as a result of separation from service and the conditions associated with that separation, and in the transition to civilian life in the years following separation. Note 2: ***category 2 stressor*** is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary. |