



Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Treatment Principles Amendment (Outreach Program Counselling) Determination 2024

Instrument MRCC1/2024

I, Matthew James Keogh, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, approve for the purposes of subsection 286(6) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, the amendments by the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission of the *MRCA Treatment Principles* in the following instrument.

Dated 21 March 2024

Matthew James Keogh
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, under subsection 286(5) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, makes the amendments of the *MRCA Treatment Principles* in the following instrument.

Dated 1 February 2024

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

Alison Frame
President, Repatriation Commission

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PSM
Deputy President, Repatriation
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1 Name

This instrument is the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Treatment Principles Amendment (Outreach Program Counselling) Determination 2024*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the start of the day after it is registered.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 286(5) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

MRCATreatment Principles (No. MRCC 53/2013)

1 Paragraph 1.4.1, definition of “Australian Government’s Better Access initiative”

omit

2 Paragraph 1.4.1, definition of “outreach program counsellor”

substitute

“outreach program counsellor” means:

- (a) a *psychologist* who is registered as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia; or
- (b) a *social worker (mental health)* who is accredited as a Mental Health Social Worker with the Australian Association of Social Workers:

being a person approved by the *Department* or the *Commission* to provide *outreach program counselling* under Part 7.7A.

3 Paragraph 1.4.1, definition of “Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service” or “VVCS”

substitute

“Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service” or “VVCS” means the service funded by the Department known as Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling.

4 Paragraph 1.4.1, definition of “VVCS criterion”

omit

5 Paragraph 7.7A.2(a)

after

eligible for VVCS

insert

under the Act

6 Paragraph 7.7A.2(a), the Note

omit

7 Paragraph 7.7A.3

omit

8 Schedule 1 item 25

omit

<http://www.vvcs.gov.au/Services/outreach.htm>

substitute

<https://www.openarms.gov.au/resources/provider-resources>

9 Schedule 1 item 26

omit

<http://www.vvcs.gov.au/Services/outreach.htm>

substitute

<https://www.openarms.gov.au/resources/provider-resources>

10 Schedule 1 items 27 and 28

omit