

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:

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| Alison Frame | Kate Pope |
|  | PSM |
| President, Repatriation Commission | Deputy President, Repatriation Commission |
| Kahlil Fegan  | Mark Brewer |
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| Member | Acting Member  |
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| Member | Member |
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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 Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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

MRCA Treatment Principles (No. MRCC 53/2013)

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

*omit*

1. Paragraph 1.4.1, definition of “outreach program counsellor”

*substitute*

 **“outreach program counsellor”** means:

1. a *psychologist* who is registered as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia; or
2. 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.

1. 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.

1. Paragraph 1.4.1, definition of “VVCS criterion”

*omit*

1. Paragraph 7.7A.2(a)

*after*

eligible for VVCS

*insert*

under the Act

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

*omit*

1. Paragraph 7.7A.3

*omit*

1. Schedule 1 item 25

*omit*

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

*substitute*

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

1. Schedule 1 item 26

*omit*

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

*substitute*

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

1. Schedule 1 items 27 and 28

*omit*