

Veterans’ Entitlements (Health and Wellbeing Program) Determination 2025

I, Luke Brown, a delegate of the Repatriation Commission, make the following instrument.

Dated 17th February 2025

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# **Part 1—Preliminary**

## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Veterans’ Entitlements (Health and Wellbeing Program) Determination 2025*.

## 2 Commencement

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

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 88A(1) and (2) of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*.

## 4 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in the Act, including the following:

(a) Commission (see section 5A);

(b) operational service (see sections 6 to 6F);

(c) peacekeeping service (see subsection 68(1));

(d) veteran (see paragraph 80(2)(c)).

In this instrument:

***health and wellbeing program*** means a 12-month program:

(a) to improve or maintain an individual’s physical or mental health or social wellbeing; and

(b) that includes:

(i) regular fitness training supervised by appropriately qualified individuals; and

(ii) education about cardiovascular health; and

(c) run by or for the Commission.

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Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Part 2—Specified classes and kind of treatment

## 6 Veterans in specified class eligible for health and wellbeing program

(1) For paragraph 88A(1)(a) of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*, a specified class is a class made up of veterans:

(a) who have rendered:

(i) operational service; or

(ii) peacekeeping service; and

(b) if any of the veterans has participated in a health and wellbeing program—who the Commission determines should participate in the program again in all the circumstances.

(2) A health and wellbeing program is specified as a kind of treatment for a veteran in the specified class.

## 7 Members in specified class eligible for health and wellbeing program

(1) For paragraph 88A(1)(d) of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*, a specified class is a class made up of members:

(a) who are entitled to be provided treatment under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, Part 3 because of that Act, section 279; and

(b) if any of the members has participated in a health and wellbeing program—who the Commission determines should participate in the program again in all the circumstances.

(2) A health and wellbeing program is specified as a kind of treatment for a member in the specified class.

(3) In this section:

member—see the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004, subsection 5(1).

Schedule 1—Amendments

*Veterans’ Entitlements (Point Cook Firefighters) Determination 2021*

1 Section 4, definition of *firefighter*

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2 Section 4

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***health and wellbeing program***means a 12-month program:

(a) to improve or maintain an individual’s physical or mental health or social wellbeing; and

(b) that includes:

(i) regular fitness training supervised by appropriately qualified individuals; and

(ii) education about cardiovascular health; and

(c) run by or for the Commission.

Point Cook firefighter means a person who, at the RAAF Base Point Cook between 1 January 1957 and 31 December 1986:

(a) served as a firefighter; or

(b) participated in a firefighter training course; or

(c) was an instructor of a firefighter training course.

3 Section 5

substitute

5 Specified kinds of treatment for Point Cook firefighters

(1) For paragraph 88A(1)(d) of the Act, a specified class is made up of:

(a) Point Cook firefighters; and

(b) if any of the firefighters has participated in a health and wellbeing program—the firefighters who the Commission determines should participate in the program again in all the circumstances.

(2) Treatment of the following kinds is specified for a person in the class of people:

(a) a health and wellbeing program;

(b) colorectal cancer screening, by:

(i) a faecal occult blood test; or

(ii) a colonoscopy;

(c) melanoma screening, by any 1 or more of the following means:

(i) an examination by a general medical practitioner;

(ii) dermoscopy or dermatoscopy;

(iii) total body digital photography.