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Amendment to Veterans' Support Regulations 2014: Statements of Principles and Accepted Late-Onset Conditions

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This publication provides papers associated with Cabinet's September 2021 decision on the amendment of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2A of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (the Regulations).

The pack comprises the following documents:

- September 2021 Cabinet Legislation Committee Minute of Decision *Amendment to Veterans' Support Regulations 2014: Statements of Principles and Accepted Late-Onset Conditions* [LEG-21-MIN-0133]; and
- The associated Cabinet Paper *Amendment to Veterans' Support Regulations 2014: Statements of Principles and Accepted Late-Onset Conditions* [LEG-21-SUB-0133].

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Amendment to Veterans' Support Regulations 2014: Statements of Principles and Accepted Late-Onset Conditions

Portfolio **Veterans**

On 9 September 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in accordance with section 23 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014, the Minister for Veterans has approved the revocation and replacement of 18 Statements of Principles and the introduction of four new Statements of Principles relating to conditions that may be causally connected to a veteran's qualifying service;
- 2 **noted** that the Minister for Veterans has approved revision to the name of one accepted late-onset condition set out in Schedule 2A of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 in order to align it with the Statements of Principles from which it was derived;
- 3 **noted** that in March 2016, Cabinet authorised the Minister for Veterans to revise the Statements of Principles that assess veterans' claims to entitlements, to provide a fairer assessment of entitlements using updated medical and scientific advice [SOC-16-MIN-0018];
- 4 **noted** that the amendment of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 gives effect to the decisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021 [PCO 24014/2.0];
- 6 **noted** that the Amendment Regulations come into force on 14 October 2021.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Keiran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for LEG

Office of the Minister for Veterans

Chair, Cabinet Legislation Committee

AMENDMENT TO VETERANS' SUPPORT REGULATIONS 2014: STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLES AND ACCEPTED LATE-ONSET CONDITIONS

Proposal

1. This paper seeks agreement to the amendment of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2A of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (the Regulations).
2. Schedule 1 lists the Australian Statements of Principles that apply for the purposes of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 (the Act). Amendment is required to revoke 18 Statements of Principles, replacing them with 18 Statements of Principles, and to introduce four new Statements of Principles.
3. Schedule 2A lists accepted-late onset conditions that apply for the Act. Changes to one name of a condition on the list are required in order to align it with the name listed in Schedule 1.

Background

4. In deciding claims for entitlements under the Veterans' Support Act 2014 (the Act), Veterans' Affairs must assess whether a veteran's medical condition is linked to qualifying service. Statements of Principles are one of the mechanisms under the Act for establishing this causal link. They have been specifically developed for the most commonly claimed conditions that are service-related.
5. The Statements of Principles are determined by the Australian Government Repatriation Medical Authority (RMA) and are regularly reviewed and amended. New Statements of Principles are introduced based on medical-scientific evidence linking the condition to service.
6. A Veterans' Affairs representative (a medical practitioner) attends the RMA meetings as an "attending expert". The representative provides input into the RMA's assessment of the medical-scientific evidence and on the proposed revisions to the Statements of Principles and introduction of any new Statements of Principles.
7. New Zealand adopted the Statements of Principles under Schedule 1 of the Regulations. In accordance with section 23 of the Act, I must decide if the Australian revocations and replacements and the new Statements of Principles should apply in New Zealand based upon advice from Veterans' Affairs and the independent Veterans' Health Advisory Panel.
8. Cabinet previously authorised [CAB-16-MIN-0131] that the Minister for Veterans will issue instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft amendments to Schedule 1 of the Regulations to effect revisions to the Statements of Principles, without further reference to the then Cabinet Social Policy Committee, unless a significant issue relating to the Statements of Principles revisions arises.

9. Accepted late-onset conditions are another mechanism under the Act for establishing a link between a veteran's service and their illness or injury. This mechanism is applied only to veterans whose qualifying operational service took place after 1 April 1974 (Scheme Two). Its purpose was to ensure that families of veterans whose death was the result of a late-onset malignancy or other physical illness, or a mental disorder, receive entitlements under the Act. It was deemed that if accepted late-onset conditions were not defined, the family of a veteran whose death was caused by an event that occurred during qualifying operational service 10 or more years prior to the onset of illness may not be covered as causality would be difficult to establish over this time period.
10. The original list of accepted late-onset conditions was based on identifying which conditions covered by Statements of Principles could result in death and then, of those, which had one or more late-onset causative factors.
11. I must approve changes to accepted late-onset conditions as these are specified in regulations.

Proposed Regulatory Amendment to Revise Statements of Principles and One Accepted Late-Onset Condition

12. In May and June 2021, Australia repealed and replaced 18 Statements of Principles and introduced four new Statements of Principles. I have decided, on the basis of advice from Veterans' Affairs and the Veterans' Health Advisory Panel, that the changes to the Statements of Principles are based upon sound medical-scientific evidence, that they can be linked to a veteran's qualifying service and that they are suitable for use in New Zealand. None of the revised or new Statements of Principles will make it significantly harder or easier to link a veteran's condition to service or are likely to result in significantly higher numbers of successful or failed claims. The Statements of Principles in question are listed in Annex A.
13. Accepted late-onset conditions are derived from the Statements of Principles. The list of these conditions first came into force in December 2015. The Statements of Principles for *mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis* have undergone a name change to *IgA nephropathy* and a consequential amendment is needed in the list of accepted late-onset conditions. Alignment will not make it significantly harder or easier to link a veteran's condition to service or result in significantly higher numbers of successful or failed claims.
14. Any changes to a Statement of Principles, through amendment, revocation (repeal) or new introduction, and to a name of an accepted late-onset condition will not impact on any entitlement or service that has previously been granted under the Act.

Timing and 28-Day Rule

15. It is intended that the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021 will come into force on 14 October 2021, thus complying with the 28-day rule.

Compliance

16. The proposed amendment to the Regulations to replace Schedules 1 and 2A complies with each of the following:
 - 16.1. the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;
 - 16.2. the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993;
 - 16.3. the principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 2020;
 - 16.4. the relevant international standards and obligations; and
 - 16.5. the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee Guidelines (2018) which are maintained by the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee.
17. In accordance with section 23 of the Act, before reaching my decision that the 18 Statements of Principles should be revoked and replaced and the four new Statements of Principles be introduced and applied in New Zealand, I received reports from Veterans' Affairs and independent advice from the Veterans' Health Advisory Panel. Both recommended the adoption of the proposed changes.

Regulations Review Committee

18. There are no grounds for the Regulations Review Committee to draw this regulation amendment to the attention of the House under Standing Order 327.

Certification by Parliamentary Counsel

19. The draft Regulations amendment has been certified by the Parliamentary Counsel Office as being in order for submission to Cabinet.

Financial Implications

20. The impact of the new Statements of Principles for *transverse myelitis* and *hypogonadism* is not expected to affect the overall Crown liability relating to veteran entitlements.

Impact Analysis

21. The Regulatory Impact Analysis Team at the Treasury has determined that the regulatory proposals in this paper are exempt from the requirement to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement on the basis that they have no, or minor, impacts on businesses, individuals or not-for-profit entities.

Publicity

22. Veterans' Affairs will publish the changes on its website.

Proactive Release

23. I intend to release this paper in full.

Consultation

24. The Treasury and the Ministry of Social Development were consulted in the course of developing the policy and the amended Schedules 1 and 2A of the Regulations.

Recommendations

25. I recommend that the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

1. **Note** that in accordance with section 23 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014, I have approved the revocation and replacement of 18 Statements of Principles and the introduction of four new Statements of Principles relating to conditions that may be causally connected to a veteran's qualifying service.
2. **Note** that I have approved revision to the name of one accepted late-onset condition set out in Schedule 2A of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 in order to align it with the Statements of Principles from which it was derived.
3. **Note** that Cabinet authorised [CAB-16-MIN-0131] the Minister for Veterans to instruct the Parliamentary Counsel Office to amend Schedule 1 of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 to effect revisions to the Statements of Principles without further reference to the then Cabinet Social Policy Committee.
4. **Note** that the amendment of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 gives effect to the decisions referred to in recommendations 1 and 2 above.
5. **Agree** that the amended regulations will come into force on 14 October 2021, thus complying with the 28-day rule.
6. **Authorise** the submission to the Executive Council of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Meka Whaitiri
Minister for Veterans

Date:

Annex:

- A. List of Statements of Principles for Possible Application in New Zealand by amendment of Schedule 1 of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014

**LIST OF STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLES FOR POSSIBLE APPLICATION IN
NEW ZEALAND BY AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 1 OF THE VETERANS'
SUPPORT REGULATIONS 2014**

Note: Each condition has two Statements of Principles. The Reasonable Hypothesis version of the Statement of Principles is applied when the veteran's condition is presumed to have arisen due to qualifying operational service. The Balance of Probabilities version of the Statement of Principles is applied when the veteran's condition is presumed to have arisen due to qualifying routine service.

Condition	Statement of Principles Number	
	Reasonable Hypothesis	Balance of Probabilities
inguinal hernia	47/2021 Replacing 5/2013.	48/2021 Replacing 6/2013.
open-angle glaucoma	49/2021 Replacing 27/2012.	50/2021 Replacing 28/2012.
endometriosis	51/2021 Replacing 41/2012.	52/2021 Replacing 42/2012.
asbestosis	59/2021 Replacing 55/2013.	60/2021 Replacing 56/2013.
gastro-oesophageal reflux disease	61/2021 Replacing 65/2013.	62/2021 Replacing 66/2013.
IgA nephropathy	63/2021 Replacing 52/2012 Name has changed from "mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis".	64/2021 Replacing 53/2012 Name has changed from "mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis".
malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity, oropharynx and hypopharynx	65/2021 Replacing 1/2013.	66/2021 Replacing 2/2013.
pes planus	67/2021 Replacing 45/2012.	68/2021 Replacing 46/2012.
porphyria cutanea tarda	69/2021 Replacing 43/2012.	70/2021 Replacing 44/2012.
transverse myelitis	71/2021 NEW SOP.	72/2021 NEW SOP.
hypogonadism	73/2021 NEW SOP.	74/2021 NEW SOP.

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021

Order in Council

At Wellington this day of 2021

Present:
in Council

These regulations are made under sections 23(3) and 265 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister for Veterans made in accordance with section 23 of that Act.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 14 October 2021.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

4 Schedule 1 replaced

Replace Schedule 1 with the Schedule 1 set out in the Schedule of these regulations.

5 Schedule 2A amended

- (1) In Schedule 2A, revoke the item relating to mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis.
- (2) In Schedule 2A, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

IgA nephropathy

Schedule
Schedule 1 replaced

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Schedule 1
Australian statements of principles that apply for purposes of Act

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Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
accidental hypothermia	21/2018	22/2018
accommodation disorder	38/2017	39/2017
Achilles tendinopathy and bursitis	96/2015	97/2015
acoustic neuroma	96/2019	97/2019
acquired cataract	87/2016	88/2016
acute articular cartilage tear	21/2019	22/2019
acute infectious mononucleosis	17/2021	18/2021
acute lymphoblastic leukaemia/lymphoblastic lymphoma	33/2021	34/2021
acute meniscal tear of the knee	25/2019	26/2019
acute myeloid leukaemia	71/2015	72/2015
acute pancreatitis	5/2020	6/2020
acute rheumatic fever	53/2019	54/2019
acute stress disorder	41/2014	42/2014
adhesive capsulitis of the shoulder	72/2020	73/2020
adjustment disorder	23/2016	24/2016
adrenal insufficiency	71/2018	72/2018
albinism	19/2015	20/2015
alcohol use disorder	48/2017	49/2017
allergic contact dermatitis	1/2021	2/2021
allergic rhinitis	22/2014	23/2014
alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency	29/2015	30/2015
Alzheimer disease	33/2019	34/2019
anal fissure	87/2019	88/2019
analgesic nephropathy	77/2016	78/2016
angle-closure glaucoma	5/2021	6/2021
animal envenomation	81/2016	82/2016
ankylosing spondylitis	39/2021	40/2021
anosmia	19/2021	20/2021
antiphospholipid syndrome	69/2016	70/2016
anxiety disorder	102/2014	103/2014
aortic aneurysm and aortic wall disorders	21/2021	22/2021
aortic stenosis	21/2013	22/2013
aplastic anaemia	58/2020	59/2020
arachnoid cyst	91/2015	92/2015

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Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
asbestosis	59/2021	60/2021
ascariasis	9/2017	10/2017
asthma	31/2021	32/2021
atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter	49/2014	50/2014
autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease	39/2015	40/2015
Barrett's oesophagus	67/2016	68/2016
benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa	41/2016	42/2016
benign paroxysmal positional vertigo	56/2017	57/2017
benign prostatic hyperplasia	17/2016	18/2016
bipolar disorder	53/2018	54/2018
blepharitis	29/2019	30/2019
bronchiectasis	30/2017	31/2017
bronchiolitis obliterans organising pneumonia	79/2018	80/2018
bruxism	91/2016	92/2016
cardiac myxoma	32/2017	33/2017
cardiomyopathy	85/2015	86/2015
carotid artery disease	54/2020	55/2020
carpal tunnel syndrome	7/2013	8/2013
central serous chorioretinopathy	45/2018	46/2018
cerebral meningioma	1/2018	2/2018
cerebrovascular accident	65/2015	66/2015
cervical spondylosis	66/2014	67/2014
Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease	21/2015	22/2015
chickenpox	87/2015	88/2015
chilblains	29/2018	30/2018
chloracne	62/2020	63/2020
cholelithiasis	51/2016	52/2016
chondromalacia patella	1/2019	2/2019
chronic fatigue syndrome	11/2014	12/2014
chronic gastritis and chronic gastropathy	25/2013	26/2013
chronic insomnia disorder	37/2019	38/2019
chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma	84/2014	85/2014
chronic multisymptom illness	3/2020	4/2020
chronic myeloid leukaemia	47/2014	48/2014
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	37/2014	38/2014
chronic pancreatitis	64/2020	65/2020
chronic pruritus ani	31/2019	32/2019
chronic solvent encephalopathy	71/2013	72/2013
chronic venous insufficiency of the lower limb and varicose veins of the lower limb	7/2021	8/2021
cirrhosis of the liver	1/2017	2/2017
clonorchiasis	47/2016	48/2016

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
cluster headache	57/2018	58/2018
coeliac disease	29/2020	30/2020
colorectal adenoma	35/2013	36/2013
complex regional pain syndrome	97/2016	98/2016
concussion	92/2018	93/2018
conductive hearing loss	81/2019	82/2019
conjunctivitis	76/2020	77/2020
coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	46/2020	47/2020
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	76/2014	77/2014
Cushing syndrome	43/2018	44/2018
cut, stab, abrasion and laceration	53/2016	54/2016
de Quervain tendinopathy	41/2019	42/2019
decompression sickness	13/2015	14/2015
deep vein thrombosis	35/2021	36/2021
dementia pugilistica	9/2021	10/2021
dengue virus infection	78/2020	79/2020
dental caries	122/2015	123/2015
dental malocclusion	19/2019	20/2019
dental pulp and apical disease	3/2014	4/2014
depressive disorder	83/2015	84/2015
dermatomyositis	9/2014	10/2014
diabetes mellitus	48/2020	49/2020
discoid lupus erythematosus	126/2015	127/2015
dislocation of a joint and subluxation of a joint	55/2019	56/2019
diverticular disease of the colon	15/2016	16/2016
Dupuytren disease	9/2019	10/2019
eating disorder	13/2016	14/2016
electrical injury	41/2018	42/2018
endometriosis	51/2021	52/2021
epicondylitis	7/2015	8/2015
epilepsy	75/2013	76/2013
epileptic seizure	77/2013	78/2013
erectile dysfunction	43/2013	44/2013
essential thrombocythaemia	15/2013	16/2013
explosive blast injury	25/2020	26/2020
external bruise	5/2016	6/2016
external burn	110/2015	111/2015
familial adenomatous polyposis	39/2013	40/2013
female sexual dysfunction	95/2016	96/2016
femoroacetabular impingement syndrome	42/2017	43/2017
fibromuscular dysplasia	79/2016	80/2016
fibromyalgia	13/2014	14/2014
fibrosing interstitial lung disease	53/2013	54/2013

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
fracture	94/2015	95/2015
frostbite	11/2018	12/2018
ganglion	71/2016	72/2016
gastric ulcer and duodenal ulcer	61/2015	62/2015
gastro-oesophageal reflux disease	61/2021	62/2021
Gaucher's disease	27/2015	28/2015
giant cell arteritis	11/2021	12/2021
gingivitis	45/2013	46/2013
goitre	23/2013	24/2013
gout	59/2019	60/2019
Graves' disease	33/2013	34/2013
Guillain-Barre syndrome	23/2018	24/2018
gunshot injury	23/2020	24/2020
haemophilia	23/2015	24/2015
haemorrhoids	3/2017	4/2017
hallux valgus	98/2015	99/2015
Hashimoto's thyroiditis	31/2013	32/2013
heart block	1/2014	2/2014
hepatitis A	63/2015	64/2015
hepatitis B	13/2017	14/2017
hepatitis C	13/2018	14/2018
hepatitis D	11/2017	12/2017
hepatitis E	112/2015	113/2015
hereditary haemochromatosis	23/2021	24/2021
hereditary spherocytosis	67/2015	68/2015
herpes simplex	39/2018	40/2018
herpes zoster	47/2015	48/2015
hiatus hernia	68/2014	69/2014
Hodgkin's lymphoma	35/2014	36/2014
hookworm disease	7/2017	8/2017
horseshoe kidney	31/2015	32/2015
human immunodeficiency virus infection	5/2019	6/2019
human T-cell lymphotropic virus type-1 infection	96/2018	97/2018
Huntington's chorea	37/2015	38/2015
hyperacusis	27/2021	28/2021
hypersensitivity pneumonitis	7/2020	8/2020
hypertension	63/2013	64/2013
hyperthyroidism and thyrotoxicosis	27/2013	28/2013
hypogonadism	73/2021	74/2021
hypopituitarism	11/2019	12/2019
hypothyroidism	29/2013	30/2013
IgA nephropathy	63/2021	64/2021
iliotibial band syndrome	3/2019	4/2019

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
immersion pulmonary oedema	34/2017	35/2017
immune thrombocytopaenia	63/2017	64/2017
incisional hernia	73/2016	74/2016
inflammatory bowel disease	90/2020	91/2020
influenza	44/2017	45/2017
ingrowing nail	106/2015	107/2015
inguinal hernia	47/2021	48/2021
internal derangement of the knee	7/2019	8/2019
intervertebral disc prolapse	43/2016	44/2016
irritable bowel syndrome	65/2019	66/2019
irritant contact dermatitis	3/2021	4/2021
ischaemic heart disease	1/2016	2/2016
joint instability	57/2019	58/2019
Kaposi sarcoma	1/2020	2/2020
knee bursitis	65/2018	66/2018
labral tear	36/2017	37/2017
leptospirosis	94/2014	95/2014
lipoma	100/2015	101/2015
localised sclerosis	61/2018	62/2018
loss of teeth	124/2015	125/2015
lumbar spondylosis	62/2014	63/2014
Lyme disease	25/2016	26/2016
macular degeneration	59/2018	60/2018
malaria	46/2017	47/2017
malignant melanoma of the skin	102/2015	103/2015
malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage	66/2020	67/2020
malignant neoplasm of the anus and anal canal	51/2013	52/2013
malignant neoplasm of the bile duct	69/2015	70/2015
malignant neoplasm of the bladder	83/2019	84/2019
malignant neoplasm of the brain	85/2016	86/2016
malignant neoplasm of the breast	96/2014	97/2014
malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges	3/2018	4/2018
malignant neoplasm of the cervix	80/2020	81/2020
malignant neoplasm of the colorectum	37/2013	38/2013
malignant neoplasm of the endometrium	11/2016	12/2016
malignant neoplasm of the eye	27/2018	28/2018
malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder	89/2015	90/2015
malignant neoplasm of the kidney	41/2021	42/2021
malignant neoplasm of the larynx	61/2013	62/2013
malignant neoplasm of the liver	31/2020	32/2020
malignant neoplasm of the lung	92/2014	93/2014
malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx	9/2020	10/2020
malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus	120/2015	121/2015

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity, oropharynx and hypopharynx	65/2021	66/2021
malignant neoplasm of the ovary	9/2018	10/2018
malignant neoplasm of the pancreas	73/2013	74/2013
malignant neoplasm of the prostate	53/2014	54/2014
malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter	92/2019	93/2019
malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland	57/2015	58/2015
malignant neoplasm of the small intestine	1/2015	2/2015
malignant neoplasm of the stomach	58/2014	59/2014
malignant neoplasm of the testis and paratesticular tissues	3/2015	4/2015
malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland	39/2014	40/2014
malignant neoplasm of the urethra	49/2016	50/2016
malignant neoplasm of unknown primary site	80/2014	81/2014
Marfan syndrome	25/2015	26/2015
melioidosis	60/2014	61/2014
Meniere's disease	108/2015	109/2015
mesenteric panniculitis	49/2018	50/2018
mesothelioma	104/2015	105/2015
methaemoglobinaemia	17/2019	18/2019
microscopic polyangiitis	90/2019	91/2019
migraine	7/2018	8/2018
mitral valve prolapse	43/2014	44/2014
moderate to severe traumatic brain injury	94/2018	95/2018
morbid obesity	5/2014	6/2014
Morton metatarsalgia	77/2019	78/2019
motor neurone disease	67/2013	68/2013
multiple osteochondromatosis	43/2015	44/2015
multiple sclerosis	11/2020	12/2020
myasthenia gravis	75/2015	76/2015
myelodysplastic syndrome	73/2015	74/2015
myeloma	69/2012	70/2012
myopia, hypermetropia and astigmatism	9/2016	10/2016
narcolepsy	7/2014	8/2014
neoplasm of the pituitary gland	53/2015	54/2015
neurocognitive disorder with Lewy bodies	35/2019	36/2019
non-aneurysmal aortic atherosclerotic disease	52/2020	53/2020
non-freezing cold injury	5/2018	6/2018
non-Hodgkin lymphoma	90/2018	91/2018
non-melanotic malignant neoplasm of the skin	7/2016	8/2016
obstructive and reflux nephropathy	85/2019	86/2019
olecranon bursitis	63/2018	64/2018
open-angle glaucoma	49/2021	50/2021

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
opisthorchiasis	45/2016	46/2016
optochiasmatic arachnoiditis	57/2016	58/2016
osteoarthritis	61/2017	62/2017
osteogenesis imperfecta	35/2015	36/2015
osteomyelitis	90/2014	91/2014
osteonecrosis	13/2020	14/2020
osteoporosis	98/2014	99/2014
otitic barotrauma	86/2020	87/2020
otitis externa	25/2021	26/2021
otitis media	51/2014	52/2014
otosclerosis	61/2016	62/2016
Paget's disease of bone	49/2015	50/2015
panic disorder	55/2018	56/2018
Parkinson's disease and secondary parkinsonism	55/2016	56/2016
patellar tendinopathy	21/2020	22/2020
periodic limb movement disorder	26/2014	27/2014
periodontal abscess	49/2013	50/2013
periodontitis	47/2013	48/2013
peripheral artery disease	70/2020	71/2020
peripheral neuropathy	74/2014	75/2014
peritoneal adhesions	3/2016	4/2016
personality disorder	17/2018	18/2018
pes planus	67/2021	68/2021
photocontact dermatitis	82/2020	83/2020
pilonidal sinus	27/2019	28/2019
pinguecula	118/2015	119/2015
plantar fasciitis	51/2015	52/2015
pleural plaque	45/2014	46/2014
poisoning from plants or fungi	49/2019	50/2019
polyarteritis nodosa	33/2020	34/2020
polycythaemia vera	11/2013	12/2013
polymyalgia rheumatica	19/2016	20/2016
popliteal cyst	31/2018	32/2018
popliteal entrapment syndrome	54/2017	55/2017
porphyria cutanea tarda	69/2021	70/2021
posterior adventitial heel bursitis	47/2019	48/2019
posterior tibialis tendinopathy	45/2021	46/2021
posttraumatic stress disorder	82/2014	83/2014
presbyopia	22/2017	23/2017
primary myelofibrosis	17/2013	18/2013
psoriasis	13/2021	14/2021
psoriatic arthritis	15/2021	16/2021
pterygium	116/2015	117/2015

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
pulmonary barotrauma	15/2015	16/2015
pulmonary thromboembolism	37/2021	38/2021
pure red cell aplasia	60/2020	61/2020
rapidly progressive crescentic glomerulonephritis	45/2019	46/2019
reactive arthritis	75/2018	76/2018
relapsing polychondritis	5/2017	6/2017
renal artery atherosclerotic disease	56/2020	57/2020
renal stone disease	69/2019	70/2019
restless legs syndrome	20/2014	21/2014
retinal vascular occlusion	50/2020	51/2020
rheumatic heart disease	51/2019	52/2019
rheumatoid arthritis	50/2017	51/2017
Ross River virus infection	94/2019	95/2019
rotator cuff syndrome	100/2014	101/2014
sarcoidosis	59/2016	60/2016
Scheuermann's disease	75/2016	76/2016
schistosomiasis	61/2019	62/2019
schizophrenia	83/2016	84/2016
scrub typhus	77/2018	78/2018
seborrhoeic dermatitis	43/2021	44/2021
seborrhoeic keratosis	55/2015	56/2015
sensorineural hearing loss	98/2019	99/2019
shin splints	9/2015	10/2015
sick sinus syndrome	15/2014	16/2014
sickle-cell disorder	40/2017	41/2017
sinus barotrauma	23/2019	24/2019
sinusitis	73/2018	74/2018
sleep apnoea	41/2013	42/2013
smallpox	89/2016	90/2016
soft tissue sarcoma	5/2015	6/2015
solar keratosis	73/2012	74/2012
somatic symptom disorder	24/2014	25/2014
spasmodic torticollis	63/2016	64/2016
spinal adhesive arachnoiditis	74/2020	75/2020
spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis	24/2017	25/2017
sprain and strain	27/2020	28/2020
steatohepatitis	79/2013	80/2013
strongyloidiasis	63/2019	64/2019
subarachnoid haemorrhage	67/2019	68/2019
subdural haematoma	100/2019	101/2019
substance use disorder	59/2017	60/2017
sudden unexplained death	57/2013	58/2013
suicide and attempted suicide	65/2016	66/2016

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
systemic lupus erythematosus	21/2016	22/2016
systemic sclerosis	25/2018	26/2018
temporomandibular disorder	47/2018	48/2018
tension-type headache	37/2018	38/2018
thoracic spondylosis	64/2014	65/2014
thromboangiitis obliterans	28/2017	29/2017
tinea	11/2015	12/2015
tinnitus	84/2020	85/2020
tooth wear	52/2017	53/2017
toxic retinopathy	19/2018	20/2018
toxic vestibulopathy	88/2020	89/2020
transverse myelitis	71/2021	72/2021
trigeminal neuralgia	77/2015	78/2015
trigeminal neuropathy	79/2015	80/2015
trigger finger	39/2019	40/2019
trochanteric bursitis and gluteal tendinopathy	45/2015	46/2015
tuberculosis	81/2015	82/2015
ulnar neuropathy at the elbow	65/2017	66/2017
umbilical hernia	93/2016	94/2016
varicocele	79/2019	80/2019
vascular dementia	78/2014	79/2014
von Willebrand's disease	41/2015	42/2015
warts	70/2014	71/2014
Wilson's disease	33/2015	34/2015
Zika virus infection	15/2018	16/2018

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 14 October 2021, amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (the **principal regulations**).

Regulation 4 and new Schedule 1 replace Schedule 1 of the principal regulations, which lists the Australian statements of principles (the **statements**) that apply to specified medical conditions for the purposes of the Veterans' Support Act 2014. Schedule 1 has been fully replaced for ease of use. The following amendments are incorporated in the replacement:

- old references to 8 statements are replaced with updated references:

- the condition mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis has been renamed IgA nephropathy, and the statement references have been updated:
- 2 new conditions (transverse myelitis and hypogonadism) are inserted.

Regulation 5 amends Schedule 2A of the principal regulations, which lists accepted late-onset conditions, to reflect that the condition mesangial IgA glomerulonephritis has been renamed IgA nephropathy.

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