

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PROLAPSE**

**No. 81 of 2008**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*  
and  
*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Statement of Principles concerning intervertebral disc prolapse No. 81 of 2008.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning intervertebral disc prolapse No. 40 of 2007 by:
  - (A) Replacing existing factor "(d)" in clause 6 with the following:

"(d) driving a motor vehicle for an average of at least 30 hours per week, for a period of at least two years within the ten years before the clinical onset of intervertebral disc prolapse; or"; and
  - (B) Replacing existing factor "(k)" in clause 6 with the following:

"(k) driving a motor vehicle for an average of at least 30 hours per week, for a period of at least two years within the ten years before the clinical worsening of intervertebral disc prolapse; or"; and
  - (C) Inserting a new factor "(da)" immediately following factor "(d)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(da) flying a motorised aircraft for a cumulative total of at least 5000 hours within the ten years before the clinical onset of intervertebral disc prolapse; or"; and

(D) Inserting a new factor "(ka)" immediately following factor "(k)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(ka) flying a motorised aircraft for a cumulative total of at least 5000 hours within the ten years before the clinical worsening of intervertebral disc prolapse; or"; and

(E) Replacing the definition of "high performance aircraft" in clause 9 with the following:

**"high performance aircraft"** means an aircraft capable of routinely sustaining a positive G force of four or more;'

3. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 40 of 2007, section 120B of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 339 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
4. The amendment made by this instrument takes effect from 5 November 2008.

Dated this *twenty-second* day of *October* 2008

The Common Seal of the                    )  
Repatriation Medical Authority        )  
was affixed to this instrument        )  
in the presence of                         )

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRPERSON