

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning

DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

No. 40 of 2010

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 depressive disorder No. 40 of 2010.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning depressive disorder Instrument No. 27 of 2008 by:
 - (A) Inserting a new factor "(a)(xiii)" immediately following factor "(a)(xii)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(a)(xiii) being the victim of severe childhood abuse before the clinical onset of depressive disorder; or"; and
 - (B) Inserting a new definition for "**severe childhood abuse**" in clause 9 as follows:

"severe childhood abuse" means:

 - (a) serious physical, emotional, psychological or sexual harm whilst a child aged under 16 years; or
 - (b) neglect involving a serious failure to provide the necessities for health, physical and emotional development, or wellbeing whilst a child aged under 16 years;

where such serious harm or neglect has been perpetrated by a parent, a care provider, an adult who works with or around that child, or any other adult in contact with that child;'

3. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 27 of 2008, section 120A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
4. The amendments made by this instrument take effect from 12 May 2010.

Dated this *twenty-second* day of *April* 2010.

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON