



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**NON-HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA**

**No. 40 of 2016**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*  
and

*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma No. 40 of 2016.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Instrument No. 28 of 2010, as amended, by:
  - (A) Replacing existing factor "(t)" in clause 6 with the following:
    - "(t) being exposed to benzene as specified:
      - (i) for a cumulative total of at least 2 500 hours within a continuous period of five years before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and
      - (ii) where the first exposure in that period occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; or";
  - (B) Inserting new factor "(ta)" following factor "(t)" in clause 6 as follows:
    - "(ta) receiving greater than ten ppm-years of cumulative exposure to benzene before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; or";

(C) Replacing the definition of "being exposed to benzene" in clause 9 with the definition of "being exposed to benzene as specified" as follows:

**"being exposed to benzene as specified"** means:

- (a) having cutaneous contact with liquids containing benzene greater than 1% by volume; or
- (b) ingesting liquids containing benzene greater than 1% by volume; or
- (c) inhaling benzene vapour where such exposure occurs at an ambient 8-hour time-weighted average benzene concentration exceeding five parts per million; and

(D) Inserting a definition of "ppm-years" in alphabetical order in clause 9 as follows:

**"ppm-years"** means parts per million multiplied by years of exposure; and

- 3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 28 of 2010, as amended, 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 4 April 2016.

Dated this *fourth* day of *March* 2016

The Common Seal of the  
Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed at the direction of: )



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