

Statement of Principles

concerning

EXTERNAL BURNS

ICD CODES 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946 & 949

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(3)

1. Being of the view that, on the sound medical-scientific evidence available to the Repatriation Medical Authority, it is more probable than not that **external burn and death from external burn** can be related to eligible war service (other than operational service) rendered by veterans and defence service (other than hazardous service) rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **external burn or death from external burn** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) application of heat to the external body;
 - (b) application of extreme cold to the external body;
 - (c) application of chemicals, caustics, acid or ionising radiation to the external body;
 - (d) application of friction to the external body;
 - (e) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for an external burn.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs 1(a) to 1(e) must be related to any service rendered by a person.

