

REVOKED

Statement of Principles

concerning

REITER'S SYNDROME

ICD CODE: 099.3

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 **Reiter's syndrome and death from Reiter's syndrome** 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, **Reiter's syndrome or death from Reiter's syndrome** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) suffering from an enteric bacterial infection not more than 28 days before the clinical onset of Reiter's syndrome; or
 - (b) suffering from a sexually acquired infection of the urethra not more than 28 days before the clinical onset of Reiter's syndrome; or
 - (c) suffering from an enteric bacterial infection before the clinical worsening of Reiter's syndrome; or
 - (d) having a sexually acquired infection of the urethra before the clinical worsening of Reiter's syndrome; or

- (e) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for Reiter's syndrome.
- 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.
- 3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(c) to 1(e)** only apply where:
 - (a) the person's **Reiter's syndrome** was contracted before a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
 - (b) the relationship suggested between the **Reiter's syndrome** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act.
- 4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“enteric bacterial infection” means infection from bacteria including *Shigella*, *Salmonella*, *Yersinia* or *Campylobacter* resulting in diarrhoea;

“ICD code” means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in the tenth edition of the *International Classification of Diseases 9th Revision*, effective date of 1 October 1993, copyrighted by the US Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities, and having the Library of Congress number 77-94472;

“Reiter's syndrome” means a triad of symptoms comprising urethritis, conjunctivitis and arthritis, appearing concomitantly or sequentially associated with mucocutaneous manifestations of keratoderma blennorrhagicum, circinate balanitis and stomatitis, attracting ICD Code 099.3.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 1994

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

KEN DONALD
 CHAIRMAN