

Statement of Principles  
concerning  
**POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE**

ICD CODE: 753.1

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 **polycystic kidney disease and death from polycystic kidney disease** 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, **polycystic kidney disease or death from polycystic kidney disease** is connected with the circumstances of that service, are:
  - (a) suffering physical trauma to the kidney region before the clinical worsening of polycystic kidney disease; or
  - (b) suffering from a renal infection before the clinical worsening of polycystic kidney disease; or
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for polycystic kidney disease.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.

3. The factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to 1(c)** apply only where:
  - (a) the person's **polycystic kidney disease** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and
  - (b) the relationship suggested between the **polycystic kidney disease** 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:

**“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;

**“physical trauma”** means an injury to the body caused by the force of an extraneous physical or mechanical agent;

**“polycystic kidney disease”** means the adult form of polycystic kidney disease being an hereditary tubular disorder of cortex and medulla of the kidneys whereby these parts of the kidneys are filled with thin walled, spherical cysts which enlarge these organs and impair their function and attracting an ICD code of 753.1.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1995

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

KEN DONALD  
 CHAIRMAN