

Statement of Principles

concerning

CHRONIC LYMPHOID LEUKAEMIA

ICD CODE: 204.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **chronic lymphoid leukaemia and death from chronic lymphoid leukaemia** can be related to operational service rendered by veterans, peacekeeping service rendered by members of Peacekeeping forces and hazardous service rendered by members of the Forces, the Repatriation Medical Authority determines, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, that the factors that must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting **chronic lymphoid leukaemia or death from chronic lymphoid leukaemia** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) for Adult T-cell chronic lymphoid leukaemia only, being infected by the HTLV-1 virus before the clinical onset of chronic lymphoid leukaemia; or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for chronic lymphoid leukaemia.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) and 1(b)** must be related to any service rendered by a person.

3. The factor set out in paragraph 1(b) applies only where:
- (a) the person's **chronic lymphoid leukaemia** 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 **chronic lymphoid leukaemia** and the particular service of a person is a relationship set out in paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e), 70(5)(d), or 70(5A)(d) of the Act.
4. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

“being infected by HTLV-1” means serological evidence of infection within the retro virus human T-cell lymphotropic virus Type 1, attracting an ICD code of 079.51;

“chronic lymphoid leukaemia” means a malignant neoplasm of lymphocytes, predominantly of activated B lymphocytes, attracting ICD code 204.1;

“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.

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