

Statement of Principles

concerning

CLONORCHIASIS

ICD CODE: 121.1

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
subsection 196B(2)

1. Being of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that **clonorchiasis and death from clonorchiasis** 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 **clonorchiasis or death from clonorchiasis** with the circumstances of that service, are:
 - (a) ingesting raw, undercooked, pickled or smoked fish from one of the areas that were endemic for the trematode *Clonorchis sinensis*;
or
 - (b) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for the clonorchiasis.
2. Subject to clause 3 (below) at least one of the factors set out in paragraphs **1(a) to (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 **clonorchiasis** was contracted prior to a period, or part of a period, of service to which the factor is related; and

