

**Revocation**

of

**Statement of Principles**  
concerning

**MULTIPLE MYELOMA**

and

**Determination**

of

**Statement of Principles**  
concerning

**MYELOMA**

**ICD-10-AM CODE: C90**

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority under subsection **196B(3)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act):
  - (a) revokes Instrument No.135 of 1996; and
  - (b) determines in its place the following Statement of Principles.

**Kind of injury, disease or death**

2. (a) This Statement of Principles is about **myeloma** and **death from myeloma**.
- (b) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, **“myeloma”** means a form of plasma cell malignancy derived from a single

clone of plasma cells, attracting ICD-10-AM code C90. This definition includes plasma cell leukaemia, multiple myeloma and solitary plasmacytoma of bone or extramedullary site.

### **Basis for determining the factors**

3. On the sound medical-scientific evidence available, the Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that it is more probable than not that **myeloma and death from myeloma** can be related to relevant service rendered by veterans or members of the Forces.

### **Factors that must be related to service**

4. Subject to clause 6, at least one of the factors set out in clause 5 must be related to any relevant service rendered by the person.

### **Factors**

5. The factors that must exist before it can be said that, on the balance of probabilities, **myeloma** or **death from myeloma** is connected with the circumstances of a person's relevant service are:
  - (a) being occupationally required to work as a painter for an average of three or more days per week over any five year period, or working as a painter for a period or periods of time totalling at least 782 days before the clinical onset of myeloma, and where that occupational exposure has ceased, the clinical onset of myeloma has occurred within ten years of cessation; or
  - (b) spraying or decanting a herbicide containing 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) or 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T) on at least 100 days, in circumstances likely to result in inhalation or absorption of the herbicide, at least five years before the clinical onset of myeloma; or
  - (c) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for myeloma.

### **Factors that apply only to material contribution or aggravation**

6. Paragraph 5(c) applies only to material contribution to, or aggravation of, myeloma where the person's myeloma was suffered or contracted before or during (but not arising out of) the person's relevant service; paragraph 8(1)(e), 9(1)(e) or 70(5)(d) of the Act refers.

## **Inclusion of Statements of Principles**

7. In this Statement of Principles if a relevant factor applies and that factor includes an injury or disease in respect of which there is a Statement of Principles then the factors in that last mentioned Statement of Principles apply in accordance with the terms of that Statement of Principles.

## **Other definitions**

8. For the purposes of this Statement of Principles:

**“death from myeloma”** in relation to a person includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person’s myeloma;

**“ICD-10-AM code”** means a number assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), effective date of 1 July 1998, copyrighted by the National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney, NSW, and having ISBN 1 86451 340 3;

**“relevant service”** means:

- (a) eligible war service (other than operational service); or
- (b) defence service (other than hazardous service),

**“terminal event”** means the proximate or ultimate cause of death and includes:

- a) pneumonia;
- b) respiratory failure;
- c) cardiac arrest;
- d) circulatory failure; or
- e) cessation of brain function.

## **Application**

9. This Instrument applies to all matters to which section 120B of the Act applies.

Dated this *Twenty-eighth* day of *October* 1999

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN