Amendment of Statement of Principles concerning

THORACIC SPONDYLOSIS

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Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the Act), Instrument No.48 of 2002 by:

A. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (g) and factor (t) and inserting in their place the following factors:

“(g) suffering an injury to the thoracic spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the thoracic spine before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; or”

“(t) suffering an injury to the thoracic spine which has resulted in permanent ligamentous instability of the thoracic spine before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; or”

B. in paragraph 8, deleting the definition of “permanent ligamentous instability” and inserting in its place the following definition:

“permanent ligamentous instability of the thoracic spine’ means radiological evidence on flexion and extension lateral radiographs of anteroposterior motion of one vertebra over another that is greater than 2.5 mm in the thoracic spine;”
2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.48 of 2002 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this Twenty-First day of November 2002

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN