

Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No. 53 of 2003, by:
 - A. in paragraph 5, deleting factors (h) and (y) and inserting in their place the following factors:

“(h) an inability to undertake any physical activity greater than 3 METs for at least the five years immediately before the clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease; or”,

“(y) an inability to undertake any physical activity greater than 3 METs for at least the five years immediately before the clinical worsening of ischaemic heart disease; or”,
 - B. in paragraph 8, deleting the definition of **“an inability to undertake more than a mildly strenuous level of physical activity”**,
 - C. inserting immediately after the definition of **“ICD-10-AM code”** in paragraph 8, the following:

“MET” means a unit of measurement of the level of physical exertion. 1 MET = 3.5 ml of oxygen/kg of body weight per minute or, 1.0 kcal/kg of body weight per hour, or resting metabolic rate;”
 - D. in paragraph 8, deleting the definition of **“chronic renal disease”** and inserting in its place the following:

“**chronic renal disease**’ means irreversible kidney damage which leads to impaired renal function;”

2. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 53 of 2003, and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *26th* day of *March* 2004

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN