

Amendment of Statement of Principles  
concerning

**OSTEOPOROSIS**

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*  
and  
*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. As directed by the Specialist Medical Review Council, under subsection **196W(4)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the VEA), the Repatriation Medical Authority amends, pursuant to subsection **196B(10)** of the VEA, Instrument No. 67 of 2002 by:
  - A. in paragraph 2, deleting sub-paragraph (b)(i) and inserting in its place the following:

“bone mineral density is more than 2.5 standard deviations below the mean bone mineral density of young adult sex-matched controls; or”
  - B. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (p) and inserting in its place the following:

“(p) having an altered dietary pattern resulting in a decrease in average daily calcium intake to 400mg/day or less, for a period of 2 years before age 20 years, or for a period of 7 years after that age, or the equivalent combination thereof, before the clinical onset of osteoporosis; or”
  - C. in paragraph 5, deleting factor (zf) and inserting in its place the following:

“(zf) having an altered dietary pattern resulting in a decrease in average daily calcium intake to 400mg/day or less, for a period of 2 years before age 20 years, or for a period of 7 years after that age, or the equivalent combination thereof, before the clinical worsening of osteoporosis; or”

D. in paragraph 8, inserting after the definition of “**ICD-10-AM code**” the following:

“**or the equivalent combination**” in paragraphs 5(p) and 5(zf) means a calculation where one year of exposure before age 20 years is equivalent to 3.5 years of exposure after age 20;”

2. In accordance with subsection 196B(13) of the VEA, the date of effect of this amendment is 21 July 2004.
3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 67 of 2002, section 120A of the VEA and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.

Dated this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 2004

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN