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