

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**DEPRESSIVE DISORDER**

**No. 41 of 2010**

for the purposes of the

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

1. This Instrument may be cited as Statement of Principles concerning depressive disorder No. 41 of 2010.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning depressive disorder Instrument No. 28 of 2008 by:
  - (A) Inserting a new factor "(a)(xii)" immediately following factor "(a)(xi)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(a)(xii) being the victim of severe childhood abuse within the 30 years before the clinical onset of depressive disorder; or"; and
  - (B) Inserting a new definition for "**severe childhood abuse**" in clause 9 as follows:

**"severe childhood abuse"** means:

    - (a) serious physical, emotional, psychological or sexual harm whilst a child aged under 16 years; or
    - (b) neglect involving a serious failure to provide the necessities for health, physical and emotional development, or wellbeing whilst a child aged under 16 years;

where such serious harm or neglect has been perpetrated by a parent, a care provider, an adult who works with or around that child, or any other adult in contact with that child;'

3. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 28 of 2008, section 120B of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 339 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
4. The amendments made by this instrument take effect from 12 May 2010.

Dated this *twenty-second* day of *April* 2010.

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRPERSON