



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning

MACULAR DEGENERATION

No. 47 of 2012

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 macular degeneration No. 47 of 2012.
2. In accordance with the Specialist Medical Review Council Declaration No. 16 of 27 March 2012 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, Statement of Principles concerning macular degeneration Instrument No. 13 of 2009 by:
 - (A) Inserting additional factor "(fa)" immediately following factor "(f)" in clause 6 as follows:

"(fa) for late macular degeneration only, being in an atmosphere with a visible tobacco smoke haze in an enclosed space for at least 10 000 hours within the 20 years before the clinical onset of late macular degeneration, and where the person was a non-smoker during the entire period of exposure; or
3. The amendment made by this instrument applies to all matters to which Instrument No. 13 of 2009, section 120A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
4. The amendment made by this instrument takes effect from 4 April 2012.

Dated this *twenty-first* day of *June* 2012

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

KEN DONALD
CHAIRPERSON