



**Australian Government**  
**Repatriation Medical Authority**

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**NON-HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA**

**No. 87 of 2014**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*  
and

*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma No. 87 of 2014.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Instrument No. 29 of 2010, by:
  - (A) Replacing the definition of "non-Hodgkin's lymphoma" in clause 3(b) as follows:

**"non-Hodgkin's lymphoma"** means a heterogeneous group of malignant lymphoproliferative diseases that originate from T and B lymphocytes, which lack Reed-Sternberg cells, and present as solid tumours of the immune system. This definition includes Burkitt's lymphoma, mycosis fungoides, adult T cell lymphoma/leukaemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma arising within parenchymal organs, and excludes myeloma, hairy cell leukaemia, Waldenström's macroglobulinaemia and chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma.'; and
  - (B) Deleting clauses 3(c) and 3(d);
  - (C) Replacing factor (h) in clause 6 as follows:

"(h) for Richter's syndrome only, having chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma at the time of the clinical onset of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; or";

(D) Replacing the definitions of "relevant service" and "Richter's syndrome" in clause 9 as follows:

**"relevant service"** means:

- (a) eligible war service (other than operational service) under the VEA;
- (b) defence service (other than hazardous service and British nuclear test defence service) under the VEA; or
- (c) peacetime service under the MRCA;'

**"Richter's syndrome"** means a form of high-grade large cell lymphoma, characterised by systemic symptoms, rapid tumour growth and extra-nodal involvement, which develops in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia;'; and

(E) Deleting the definition of "ICD-10-AM code" in clause 9.

- 3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 29 of 2010, 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 22 September 2014.

Dated this *twenty-second* day of *August* 2014

The Common Seal of the )  
Repatriation Medical Authority )  
was affixed at the direction of: )



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