



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKAEMIA
No. 37 of 2016

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 acute lymphoblastic leukaemia No. 37 of 2016.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning acute lymphoblastic leukaemia Instrument No. 75 of 2012, by:
 - (A) Replacing existing factor "(b)" in clause 6 with the following:
 - "(b) being exposed to benzene as specified:
 - (i) for a cumulative total of at least 2 500 hours within a continuous period of five years before the clinical onset of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia; and
 - (ii) where the first exposure in that period occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia; or";
 - (B) Inserting new factor "(ba)" following factor "(b)" in clause 6 as follows:
 - "(ba) receiving greater than ten ppm-years of cumulative exposure to benzene before the clinical onset of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, and where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia; or";

(C) Replacing the definition of "being exposed to benzene" in clause 9 with the definition of "being exposed to benzene as specified" as follows:

"being exposed to benzene as specified" means:

- (a) having cutaneous contact with liquids containing benzene greater than 1% by volume; or
- (b) ingesting liquids containing benzene greater than 1% by volume; or
- (c) inhaling benzene vapour where such exposure occurs at an ambient 8-hour time-weighted average benzene concentration exceeding five parts per million; and

(D) Inserting a definition of "ppm-years" in alphabetical order in clause 9 as follows:

"ppm-years" means parts per million multiplied by years of exposure;.

- 3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No. 75 of 2012, section 120A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* apply.
- 4. The amendments made by this instrument take effect from 4 April 2016.

Dated this *fourth* day of *March* 2016

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