



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning

THORACIC SPONDYLOSIS

No. 70 of 2018

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 thoracic spondylosis No. 70 of 2018.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning thoracic spondylosis Instrument No. 65 of 2014 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2014L00929) by:
 - A. Repealing factors "(h)", "(i)", "(t)" and "(u)" in clause 6 and substituting the following:
 - "(h) lifting loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
 - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 150 000 kilograms within any ten year period before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; and
 - (ii) where the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";
 - "(i) carrying loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
 - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 3 800 hours within any ten year period before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; and
 - (ii) where the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";

- "(t) lifting loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
 - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 150 000 kilograms within any ten year period before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; and
 - (ii) where the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";
- "(u) carrying loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
 - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 3 800 hours within any ten year period before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; and
 - (ii) where the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or".

3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 23 July 2018.

Dated this *twenty-second* day of *June* 2018

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



PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO
 CHAIRPERSON