



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
concerning

**HYPERTENSION**

**No. 89 of 2019**

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 hypertension No. 89 of 2019.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning hypertension Instrument No. 63 of 2013 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2013L01652) by:
  - (A) Amending paragraph 6 by inserting new factors (pa), (pb), (ffa) and (ffb) as follows:
    - "(pa) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a phenoxy acid herbicide from the specified list:
      - (i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical onset of hypertension; and
      - (ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of hypertension; and
      - (iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical onset of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or";

- "(pb) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a chemical agent contaminated by 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD):
  - (i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical onset of hypertension; and
  - (ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical onset of hypertension; and
  - (iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical onset of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or";
- "(ffa) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a phenoxy acid herbicide from the specified list:
  - (i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
  - (ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
  - (iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical worsening of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or";
- "(ffb) inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a chemical agent contaminated by 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD):
  - (i) for a cumulative period of at least 1 000 hours within a consecutive period of ten years, before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
  - (ii) where the first exposure occurred at least five years before the clinical worsening of hypertension; and
  - (iii) where that exposure has ceased, the clinical worsening of hypertension has occurred within 25 years of cessation; or"; and
- (B) Amending paragraph 7 by inserting the words, "including paragraphs **6(ffa)** and **6(ffb)**", after the phrase, "Paragraphs **6(q)** to **6(gg)**"; and
- (C) Amending paragraph 9 by inserting in alphabetical order the following definitions:
 

**"inhaling, ingesting or having cutaneous contact with a chemical agent contaminated by 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-para-dioxin (TCDD)" means:**

  - (a) decanting or spraying;
  - (b) cleaning or maintaining equipment used to apply;
  - (c) being sprayed with;
  - (d) handling or sawing timber treated with;

- (e) being in an environment shrouded in dust from timber treated with; or
- (f) using cutting oils contaminated with;

one of the following chemicals:

- (i) 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid;
- (ii) 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxypropionic acid;
- (iii) 2,4,5-trichlorophenol;
- (iv) 2-(2,4,5-trichlorophenoxy)-ethyl 2,2-dichloropropionate;
- (v) o,o-dimethyl-o-(2,4,5-trichlorophenyl)-phosphorothioate;
- (vi) pentachlorophenol;
- (vii) 2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol;
- (viii) 2,4,6-trichlorophenol;
- (ix) 1,3,5-trichloro-2-(4-nitrophenoxy)benzene;
- (x) 2,4-dichloro-1-(4-nitrophenoxy)benzene; or
- (xi) 2,4-dichloro-1-(3-methoxy-4-nitrophenoxy)-benzene;'

and

**"phenoxy acid herbicide from the specified list"** means:

- (a) 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D); or
- (b) 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T);'

3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 23 September 2019.

Dated 23 August 2019

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



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 CHAIRPERSON