



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
concerning

**AORTIC ANEURYSM**

**No. 71 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 aortic aneurysm No. 71 of 2019.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning aortic aneurysm Instrument No. 9 of 2012 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2012L00017) by:
  - (A) Repealing factors "(b)" and "(p)" in clause 6 and substituting the following:
    - "(b) where exposure to second-hand smoke has not ceased, being exposed to second-hand smoke for at least 1 000 hours before the clinical onset of aortic aneurysm; or";
    - "(p) where exposure to second-hand smoke has not ceased, being exposed to second-hand smoke for at least 1 000 hours before the clinical worsening of aortic aneurysm; or";
  - (B) Inserting new factors "(ba)" and "(pa)" following factors "(b)" and "(p)" respectively, in clause 6 as follows:
    - "(ba) where exposure to second-hand smoke has ceased:
      - (i) being exposed to second-hand smoke for at least 1 000 hours, but less than 5 000 hours, before the clinical onset of aortic aneurysm, and the clinical onset of aortic aneurysm has occurred within five years of the last exposure to second-hand smoke; or

(ii) being exposed to second-hand smoke for at least 5 000 hours before the clinical onset of aortic aneurysm; or";

"(pa) where exposure to second-hand smoke has ceased:

(i) being exposed to second-hand smoke for at least 1 000 hours, but less than 5 000 hours, before the clinical worsening of aortic aneurysm, and the clinical worsening of aortic aneurysm has occurred within five years of the last exposure to second-hand smoke; or

(ii) being exposed to second-hand smoke for at least 5 000 hours before the clinical worsening of aortic aneurysm; or";  
and

(C) Inserting the following definition of "being exposed to second-hand smoke" in clause 9 in alphabetical order:

**"being exposed to second-hand smoke"** means being in an enclosed space and inhaling smoke from burning tobacco products or smoke that has been exhaled by a person who is smoking;'

3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 22 July 2019.

Dated 21 June 2019

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



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