

Amendment Statement of Principles concerning PILONIDAL SINUS (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 115 of 2021)

The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(2) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act* 1986.

Dated 26 November 2021

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

Professor Terence Campbell AM Chairperson

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1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *pilonidal sinus* (*Reasonable Hypothesis*) (No. 115 of 2021).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 20 December 2021.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 196B(2) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

4 Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *pilonidal sinus* (*Reasonable Hypothesis*) (No. 27 of 2019) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2019L00248) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
9(2)(aa)	Insert the following new factor into paragraph 9(2)(aa): sitting on a hard or vibrating surface for an average of at least 20 hours per week for a period of at least three months, within the six months before the clinical onset of pilonidal sinus; or
9(5)(aa)	Insert the following new factor into paragraph 9(5)(aa): sitting on a hard or vibrating surface for an average of at least 20 hours per week for a period of at least three months, within the six months before the clinical worsening of pilonidal sinus; or