

Amendment Statement of Principles

concerning

CONJUNCTIVITIS  
(Reasonable Hypothesis)

(No. 90 of 2022)

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

Dated 23 August 2022

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| 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 *conjunctivitis* *(Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 90 of 2022).

1. Commencement

This instrument commences on 19 September 2022.

1. Authority

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

1. Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *conjunctivitis* *(Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 76 of 2020) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2020L01395) is amended in the following manner:

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| **Section** | **Amendment** |
| *9(5A)* | *Insert the following factor as subsection 9(5A)*:  having a sensitising exposure to an allergen before the clinical onset of conjunctivitis;  Note: ***sensitising exposure to an allergen*** is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary. |
| *Schedule 1 – Dictionary* | *Insert the following definition of "sensitising exposure to an allergen" in alphabetical order:*  ***sensitising exposure to an allergen*** means an exposure to an allergen without the occurrence of symptoms, where the clinical onset of conjunctivitis occurs within the two weeks of a subsequent exposure to the same allergen.  Note: The initial sensitising exposure to an allergen may be either systemic or cutaneous and may have occurred months to years before the re-exposure that has resulted in the conjunctivitis. |