



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**DIABETES MELLITUS**  
**(Balance of Probabilities)**  
**(No. 50 of 2022)**

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The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 29 April 2022

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 *diabetes mellitus (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 50 of 2022).

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 30 May 2022.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

## 4 Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *diabetes mellitus (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 49 of 2020) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2020L00822) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
9(6)(e)	<p>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(6)(e) with the following:</p> <p>taking an immune checkpoint inhibitor or an interferon within the one year before the clinical onset of diabetes mellitus;</p> <p>Note: <i>immune checkpoint inhibitor</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.</p>
9(13a)	<p>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(13a) with the following:</p> <p>taking an immune checkpoint inhibitor or an interferon within the one year before the clinical worsening of diabetes mellitus;</p> <p>Note: <i>immune checkpoint inhibitor</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.</p>
Schedule 1 – Dictionary	<p>Insert the following definition of "immune checkpoint inhibitor" in alphabetical order:</p> <p><b>immune checkpoint inhibitor</b> means a form of cancer immunotherapy that uses monoclonal antibodies targeting the immune checkpoint proteins. Examples include ipilimumab, tremelimumab, nivolumab and pembrolizumab.</p>