



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**ASTHMA**  
**(Reasonable Hypothesis)**  
**(No. 92 of 2022)**

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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

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 *asthma (Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 92 of 2022).

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 19 September 2022.

## 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 *asthma (Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 31 of 2021) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2021L00211) is amended in the following manner:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>9(1A)</i>	<i>Insert the following factor as subsection 9(1A):</i> having a sensitising exposure to an allergen before the clinical onset of asthma; Note: <i>sensitising exposure to an allergen</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.
<i>Schedule 1 – Dictionary</i>	<i>Insert the following definition of "sensitising exposure to an allergen" in alphabetical order:</i> <b><i>sensitising exposure to an allergen</i></b> means an exposure to an allergen without the occurrence of symptoms where the clinical onset of asthma occurs within the 24 hours of a subsequent exposure to the same allergen. Note: The initial sensitising exposure to an allergen may have occurred months to years before the re-exposure that has resulted in the asthma.