

Amendment of Statement of Principles
concerning
CHRONIC LYMPHOID LEUKAEMIA

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

1. As directed by the Specialist Medical Review Council, under subsection **196W(4)** of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), the Repatriation Medical Authority amends, pursuant to subsection **196B(10)** of the Act, Instrument No.67 of 2001 by:

A. in paragraph 5, inserting a new factor (b) as follows:

“(b) receiving greater than 25.0 microtesla years of exposure to magnetic fields generated at extremely low frequencies where this dose was accumulated at least 10 years before the clinical onset of chronic lymphoid leukaemia; or”

B. in paragraph 5, renumbering existing factor (b) as (c);

C. in paragraph 8, inserting after the definition of “**ICD-10-AM code**” the following:

“**magnetic fields generated at extremely low frequencies**’ means technologically generated fields at frequencies in the range of 50 Hz to 60 Hz;

‘**microtesla years**’ means a calculation of cumulative exposure to extremely low frequency magnetic fields, where one microtesla year equals the exposure occasioned by being subject to a magnetic field of mean flux density of one microtesla for a continuous period of one calendar year, or 8760 hours, or an equivalent dose, eg being exposed to a mean magnetic field of 1 microtesla for 24 hours per day for 365 days is equivalent to

being exposed to a mean magnetic field of 3 micro tesla for 8 hours per day for 365 days;”

2. In accordance with subsection 196B(13) of the Act, the date of effect of this amendment is 1 October 2003.
3. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.67 of 2001 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *Ninth* day of *December* 2003

The Common Seal of the)
Repatriation Medical Authority)
was affixed to this instrument)
in the presence of)

KEN DONALD
CHAIRMAN