

# Amendment of Statement of Principles

concerning

## **HYPERTENSION**

### *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (the Act), Instrument No.35 of 2003, by:
  - A. in paragraph 5, deleting factors (b) and (q) and inserting in their place the following factors:
    - “(b) consuming an average of at least 200 grams per week of alcohol for a continuous period of at least 6 months immediately before the clinical onset of hypertension, which cannot be decreased to less than an average of 200 grams per week of alcohol; or
    - (q) consuming an average of at least 200 grams per week of alcohol for a continuous period of at least 6 months immediately before the clinical worsening of hypertension, which cannot be decreased to less than an average of 200 grams per week of alcohol; or”
2. The amendments made by this instrument apply to all matters to which Instrument No.35 of 2003 and section 120A of the Act apply.

Dated this *24th* day of *February* 2004

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

KEN DONALD  
CHAIRMAN