



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE**  
**OESOPHAGUS**  
**(Reasonable Hypothesis)**  
**(No. 21 of 2017)**

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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 20 December 2016

The Common Seal of the  
Repatriation Medical Authority  
was affixed to this instrument  
at the direction of:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Saunders'.

Professor Nicholas Saunders AO  
Chairperson

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**1 Name**

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus (Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 21 of 2017).

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 23 January 2017.

**3 Authority**

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

**4 Application**

This instrument applies to a claim to which section 120A of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* or section 338 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* applies.

**5 Amendment**

The Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus and death from malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus No. 120 of 2015, is amended in the following manner:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
9(3)	<p><i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(3) with the following:</i></p> <p>having received a cumulative equivalent dose of at least 0.1 sievert of ionising radiation to the oesophagus at least five years before the clinical onset of malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus;</p> <p>Note: <i>cumulative equivalent dose</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p>