



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE**  
**(Balance of Probabilities)**  
**(No. 98 of 2021)**

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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 20 August 2021

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 *ischaemic heart disease (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 98 of 2021).

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 20 September 2021.

## 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 *ischaemic heart disease (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 2 of 2016) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2016L00003) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
9(32)	<p><i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(32) with the following:</i></p> <p>having an autoimmune disease from the specified list of autoimmune diseases at the time of the clinical onset of ischaemic heart disease;</p> <p>Note: <i>specified list of autoimmune diseases</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p>
9(65)	<p><i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(32) with the following:</i></p> <p>having an autoimmune disease from the specified list of autoimmune diseases at the time of the clinical worsening of ischaemic heart disease;</p> <p>Note: <i>specified list of autoimmune diseases</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p>
Schedule 1 – Dictionary	<p><i>Delete the existing definition of "specified autoimmune collagen vascular disease".</i></p>
Schedule 1 – Dictionary	<p><i>Insert the following definition of "specified list of autoimmune diseases" in alphabetical order:</i></p> <p><b><i>specified list of autoimmune diseases</i></b> means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) ankylosing spondylitis;</li><li>(b) Behcet disease;</li><li>(c) dermatomyositis;</li><li>(d) eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss syndrome);</li><li>(e) giant cell (temporal) arteritis;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(f) IgA vasculitis (Henoch-Schönlein purpura);</li><li>(g) microscopic polyangiitis;</li><li>(h) mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome (Kawasaki disease);</li><li>(i) non-specific autoimmune vasculitis;</li><li>(j) polyarteritis nodosa;</li><li>(k) polymyositis;</li><li>(l) psoriasis;</li><li>(m) psoriatic arthritis;</li><li>(n) rheumatoid arthritis;</li><li>(o) Sjögren syndrome;</li><li>(p) systemic lupus erythematosus;</li><li>(q) systemic sclerosis;</li><li>(r) Takayasu arteritis;</li><li>(s) thromboangiitis obliterans (Buerger disease); or</li><li>(t) granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener granulomatosis).</li></ul>
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