



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

**Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF THE**  
**ENDOMETRIUM**  
**(Reasonable Hypothesis)**  
**(No. 31 of 2025)**

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The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Statement of Principles under subsection 196B(2) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 18 February 2025.

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Chairperson  
by and on behalf of  
The Repatriation Medical Authority

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**1 Name**

This is the Statement of Principles concerning *malignant neoplasm of the endometrium (Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 31 of 2025).

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 25 March 2025.

**3 Authority**

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

**4 Repeal**

The Statement of Principles concerning malignant neoplasm of the endometrium No. 11 of 2016 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2016L00243) made under subsections 196B(2) and (8) of the VEA is repealed.

**5 Application**

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

**6 Definitions**

The terms defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary have the meaning given when used in this instrument.

**7 Kind of injury, disease or death to which this Statement of Principles relates**

- (1) This Statement of Principles is about malignant neoplasm of the endometrium and death from malignant neoplasm of the endometrium.

*Meaning of malignant neoplasm of the endometrium*

- (2) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, malignant neoplasm of the endometrium:
- (a) means a primary malignant neoplasm arising from the cells of the mucous membrane that line the uterine cavity; and
  - (b) includes;
    - (i) carcinoma in situ and
    - (ii) carcinosarcoma (also known as malignant mesodermal mixed tumour); and
  - (c) excludes;

- (i) malignant neoplasm of the cervix;
  - (ii) carcinoid tumour;
  - (iii) soft tissue sarcoma of the uterus;
  - (iv) non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and
  - (v) Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- (3) While malignant neoplasm of the endometrium attracts ICD-10-AM code C54.1, in applying this Statement of Principles the meaning of malignant neoplasm of the endometrium is that given in subsection (2).
- (4) For subsection (3), a reference to an ICD-10-AM code is a reference to the code assigned to a particular kind of injury or disease in *The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification* (ICD-10-AM), Tenth Edition, effective date of 1 July 2017, copyrighted by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, ISBN 978-1-76007-296-4.

*Death from malignant neoplasm of the endometrium*

- (5) For the purposes of this Statement of Principles, malignant neoplasm of the endometrium, in relation to a person, includes death from a terminal event or condition that was contributed to by the person's malignant neoplasm of the endometrium.

Note: *terminal event* is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.

## **8 Basis for determining the factors**

The Repatriation Medical Authority is of the view that there is sound medical-scientific evidence that indicates that malignant neoplasm of the endometrium and death from malignant neoplasm of the endometrium can be related to relevant service rendered by veterans, members of Peacekeeping Forces, or members of the Forces under the VEA, or members under the MRCA.

Note: *MRCA*, *relevant service* and *VEA* are defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.

## **9 Factors that must exist**

At least one of the following factors must as a minimum exist before it can be said that a reasonable hypothesis has been raised connecting malignant neoplasm of the endometrium or death from malignant neoplasm of the endometrium with the circumstances of a person's relevant service:

- (1) for females aged over 35 years only, having never been pregnant for more than 8 weeks, at the time of clinical onset;
- (2) using oestrogen-only hormone replacement therapy for at least 3 months before clinical onset, and where the use of oestrogen-only hormone replacement therapy has ceased, clinical onset has occurred within 20 years of cessation;

Note: *oestrogen-only hormone replacement therapy* is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.

- (3) having cyclical combined hormone replacement therapy where oestrogen is combined with cyclical administration of progesterone for less than 15 days during each treatment cycle, for a continuous period of at least 5 years before clinical onset. Where the use of cyclical combined hormone replacement therapy has ceased, clinical onset has occurred within 10 years of cessation;
- (4) for post-menopausal females only, undergoing treatment with tamoxifen for at least 3 months before clinical onset, and where treatment has ceased, clinical onset has occurred within 20 years of cessation.
- (5) being overweight or obese for at least 5 years within the 20 years before clinical onset;  
 Note: *being overweight or obese* is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.
- (6) having diabetes mellitus for at least 5 years before clinical onset;
- (7) inability to undertake any physical activity greater than 3 METs for at least 10 years within the 30 years before clinical onset;  
 Note: *MET* is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.
- (8) Having undergone treatment with Tibolone for at least 3 months before clinical onset, and where treatment has ceased, clinical onset has occurred within 10 years of cessation.
- (9) inability to obtain appropriate clinical management for malignant neoplasm of the endometrium before clinical worsening.

## **10 Relationship to service**

- (1) The existence in a person of any factor referred to in section 9, must be related to the relevant service rendered by the person.
- (2) The factor set out in subsection 9(9) applies only to material contribution to, or aggravation of, malignant neoplasm of the endometrium where the person's malignant neoplasm of the endometrium was suffered or contracted before or during (but did not arise out of) the person's relevant service.

## **11 Factors referring to an injury or disease covered by another Statement of Principles**

In this Statement of Principles:

- (1) if a factor referred to in section 9 applies in relation to a person; and
- (2) that factor refers to an injury or disease in respect of which a Statement of Principles has been determined under subsection 196B(2) of the VEA;

then the factors in that Statement of Principles apply in accordance with the terms of that Statement of Principles as in force from time to time.

# Schedule 1 - Dictionary

Note: See Section 6

## 1 Definitions

In this instrument:

***being overweight or obese*** means having a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 or greater.

Note; ***BMI*** is defined in the Schedule 1 – Dictionary.

***BMI*** means  $W/H^2$

where:

W is the person's weight in kilograms; and

H is the person's height in metres.

***malignant neoplasm of the endometrium***—see subsection 7(2).

***MET*** means a unit of measurement of the level of physical exertion. 1 MET = 3.5 ml of oxygen/kg of body weight per minute, 1.0 kcal/kg of body weight per hour or resting metabolic rate.

***MRCA*** means the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*.

***oestrogen-only hormone replacement therapy*** means the continuous, cyclical or intermittent administration of unopposed oestrogen, including diethylstilbestrol, to combat surgically induced or naturally occurring menopause.

***relevant service*** means:

- (a) operational service under the VEA;
- (b) peacekeeping service under the VEA;
- (c) hazardous service under the VEA;
- (d) British nuclear test defence service under the VEA;
- (e) warlike service under the MRCA; or
- (f) non-warlike service under the MRCA.

Note: ***MRCA*** and ***VEA*** are defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.

***terminal event*** means the proximate or ultimate cause of death and includes the following:

- (a) pneumonia;
- (b) respiratory failure;
- (c) cardiac arrest;
- (d) circulatory failure; or
- (e) cessation of brain function.

***VEA*** means the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.