

Amendment Statement of Principles

concerning

SENSORINEURAL HEARING LOSS
(Reasonable Hypothesis)

(No. 75 of 2025)

The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(2) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 22 August 2025

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| The Common Seal of theRepatriation Medical Authoritywas affixed to this instrumentat the direction of: |
| Professor Terence Campbell AMChairperson |

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1. Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *sensorineural hearing loss* *(Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 75 of 2025).

1. Commencement

 This instrument commences on 22 September 2025.

1. Authority

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

1. Amendment

The Statement of Principles concerning *sensorineural hearing loss* *(Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 98 of 2019) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2019L01360) is amended in the following manner:

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| **Section**  | **Amendment** |
| *7(2)* | *Replace the existing subsection 7(2) with the following:** + 1. means acquired hearing loss due to a defect in the cochlea or auditory nerve, with a permanent shift to a hearing threshold level of 20 decibels (dB) or more, at 500, 1 000, 1 500, 2 000, 3 000, 4 000 or 6 000 hertz (Hz); and
		2. excludes:
			1. congenital deafness; and
			2. hearing loss due to Meniere disease and Meniere syndrome.

Note: The diagnosis of sensorineural hearing loss is usually made by performing an audiogram in which bone conduction thresholds are measured. |