



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

**Amendment Statement of Principles**  
**concerning**  
**SENSORINEURAL HEARING LOSS**  
**(Reasonable Hypothesis)**  
**(No. 75 of 2025)**

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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 22 August 2025

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 *sensorineural hearing loss (Reasonable Hypothesis)* (No. 75 of 2025).

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 22 September 2025.

**3 Authority**

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

**4 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:

Section	Amendment
7(2)	<p><i>Replace the existing subsection 7(2) with the following:</i></p> <p>(a) 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</p> <p>(b) excludes:</p> <p>(i) congenital deafness; and</p> <p>(ii) hearing loss due to Meniere disease and Meniere syndrome.</p> <p>Note: The diagnosis of sensorineural hearing loss is usually made by performing an audiogram in which bone conduction thresholds are measured.</p>