



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
PERICARDITIS
(Balance of Probabilities)
(No. 39 of 2026)

The Repatriation Medical Authority determines the following Amendment Statement of Principles under subsections 196B(3) and (8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Dated 24 April 2026

Professor Terence Campbell AM
Chairperson
by and on behalf of
The Repatriation Medical Authority

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1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *pericarditis (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 39 of 2026).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on **25 May 2026**.

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 *pericarditis (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 91 of 2023) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2023L01428) is amended in the following manner:

Section	Amendment
8(28)	<i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 8(28) with the following:</i> having a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine or Novavax (Nuvaxovid, NVX-CoV2373) COVID-19 vaccine within the 4 weeks before the clinical onset or clinical worsening of pericarditis;