REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY

INSTRUMENT NO. 11 OF 2008

VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS ACT 1986
MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR TABLING

1. The Repatriation Medical Authority (the Authority) has determined, under subsection 196B(8) of the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986 (the VEA) the attached Instrument No. 11 of 2008.

2. This instrument amends Statement of Principles Instrument No. 35 of 2003, as amended by Instrument No. 3 of 2004, concerning hypertension, determined under subsection 196B(2) of the VEA, by:
   • deleting ICD-10-AM codes I11, I12 and I13 from clause 2(c); and
   • replacing factors 5(b) and 5(q) concerning 'consuming alcohol'.

3. The Instrument specifies a date of effect for the Instrument in accordance with sub-section 12(1)(a) of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003.

4. Prior to determining this instrument, the Authority advertised its intention to undertake an investigation in relation to hypertension in the Government Notices Gazette of 12 September 2007, and circulated a copy of the notice of intention to investigate to a wide range of organisations representing veterans, service personnel and their dependants. The Authority invited submissions from the Repatriation Commission, organisations and persons referred to in section 196E of the VEA, and any person having expertise in the field. No submissions were received for consideration by the Authority during the investigation.

5. The determining of this new instrument finalises the investigation in relation to hypertension as advertised in the Government Notices Gazette of 12 September 2007.

6. A list of references relating to the above condition is available, on written request, from the Repatriation Medical Authority Secretariat.