



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

Amendment Statement of Principles  
concerning

**THORACIC SPONDYLOSIS**

**No. 70 of 2018**

for the purposes of the

*Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

and

*Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*

1. This Instrument may be cited as Amendment Statement of Principles concerning thoracic spondylosis No. 70 of 2018.
2. The Repatriation Medical Authority amends, under subsection 196B(8) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, Statement of Principles concerning thoracic spondylosis Instrument No. 65 of 2014 (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2014L00929) by:
  - A. Repealing factors "(h)", "(i)", "(t)" and "(u)" in clause 6 and substituting the following:
    - "(h) lifting loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
      - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 150 000 kilograms within any ten year period before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; and
      - (ii) where the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";
    - "(i) carrying loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
      - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 3 800 hours within any ten year period before the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis; and
      - (ii) where the clinical onset of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";

- "(t) lifting loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
  - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 150 000 kilograms within any ten year period before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; and
  - (ii) where the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or";
- "(u) carrying loads of at least 20 kilograms while bearing weight through the thoracic spine:
  - (i) to a cumulative total of at least 3 800 hours within any ten year period before the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis; and
  - (ii) where the clinical worsening of thoracic spondylosis occurs within the 25 years following that period; or".

3. The amendments made by this instrument commence on 23 July 2018.

Dated this **twenty-second** day of **June** 2018

The Common Seal of the )  
 Repatriation Medical Authority )  
 was affixed to this instrument )  
 at the direction of: )



PROFESSOR NICHOLAS SAUNDERS AO  
 CHAIRPERSON