



## Australian Government

Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

# Veterans' Entitlements (Treatment Principles – Removal of Prior Approval Requirement for Optical Coherence Tomography) Instrument 2011

Instrument No. R19/2011

I, Warren Snowdon, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, pursuant to subsection 90(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, approve this instrument made by the Repatriation Commission.

Dated this 23rd day of June 2011

Warren Snowdon

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**WARREN SNOWDON**

The Repatriation Commission, pursuant to subsection 90(4) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, varies the *Treatment Principles* (Instrument No.R8 of 2004) in accordance with the Schedule.

Dated this 20th day of May 2011

Ian Campbell      Shane Carmody      Major General Mark Kelly AO DSC

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**IAN CAMPBELL      SHANE CARMODY      MAJOR GENERAL MARK KELLY AO DSC**  
**PRESIDENT      DEPUTY PRESIDENT      COMMISSIONER**

## **[1] Name of Instrument**

This instrument is the *Veterans' Entitlements (Treatment Principles – Removal of Prior Approval Requirement for Optical Coherence Tomography) Instrument 2011*

## **[2] Commencement**

This instrument is taken to have commenced on 1 May 2011.

## **Schedule**

### **1. Paragraph 1.4.1 (definitions)**

*insert:*

“**Optical Coherence Tomography**” means the treatment comprised of a non-contact, non-invasive high resolution imaging technique that provides cross-sectional tomographic images of the ocular microstructure through the thickness of the retina.

### **2. Paragraph 3.2.1(b)**

*after:*

Schedule

*insert:*

except where otherwise stated.

### **3. Paragraph 4.2.5**

*after paragraph 4.2.5, insert:*

**4.2.6 Optical Coherence Tomography**

4.2.7 The *Commission* may accept financial responsibility for *Optical Coherence Tomography* (OCT) provided to an *entitled person* by an Ophthalmologist for the assessment or management of retinal disease.

Note: While OCT remains an unlisted treatment it is subject to all the requirements for an unlisted treatment except *prior approval*.