



Australian Government

**Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986**

**Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004**

**Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006**

**Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Provision of Falls Prevention Items) Amendment Instrument 2014**

Instrument 2014 No.R107/MRCC107

I, Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, as required by subsection 90(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA), subsection 286(3) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA) and subsection 16(7) of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006* (APBNT(T)A), approve:

- (a) under the VEA — the making by the Repatriation Commission of the legislative instrument in Schedule 1.
- (b) under the MRCA — the making by the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission of the legislative instrument in Schedule 2.
- (c) under the APBNT(T)A — the making by the Repatriation Commission of the legislative instrument in Schedule 3.

Dated this                      18   day of December                      2014

Michael Ronaldson

**MICHAEL RONALDSON**

The Repatriation Commission (RC) makes the legislative instrument in Schedule 1 under subsection 90(4) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA) and makes the legislative instrument in Schedule 3 under subsection 16(6) of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006* (APBNT(T)A).

The Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (MRCC) makes the legislative instrument in Schedule 2 under subsection 286(2) the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA).

Dated this 4th                      day of December                      2014

The Seals of the )  
Repatriation Commission and )  
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission) SEAL  
were affixed hereto in the ) SEAL  
presence of: )

Simon Lewis

Jennifer Collins

Major General Mark Kelly

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**SIMON LEWIS**

**JENNIFER COLLINS**

**MAJOR GENERAL MARK KELLY**  
**AO DSC**

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**MRCC MEMBER**

**MS KYLIE EMERY**

**MRCC MEMBER**

**AIR VICE-MARSHAL ANTHONY NEEDHAM**  
**AM**

**MRCC MEMBER**

## Name

[1] This instrument is the *Veterans' Affairs (Treatment Principles – Provision of Falls Prevention Items) Amendment Instrument 2014*.

## Commencement

[2] This instrument commences on 6 February 2015.

## Transitional

[3] If, before the commencement of this instrument, an entitled person, or a person on the entitled person's behalf, requested the Repatriation Commission or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission to accept financial responsibility for treatment comprised of the provision of an aid or appliance to the entitled person:

- (a) under paragraph 11.9 of the *Treatment Principles* under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, including the *Treatment Principles* as applied under the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006*; or
- (b) under paragraph 11.9 of the *MRCA Treatment Principles* under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*;

as the case may be, and on the commencement of this instrument the request had not been determined, the request is to be determined, as the case requires, by reference to:

- (a) the *Treatment Principles* under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, including as the *Treatment Principles* are applied under the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006*; or
- (b) the *MRCA Treatment Principles* under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*; or
- (c) the *Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006*, under the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006*;

as varied by this instrument.

In this section:

- *entitled person* has the meaning it has in the *Treatment Principles*, the *MRCA Treatment Principles* or the *Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006*, as the case requires;
- *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission* is the body established under section 361 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*;
- *MRCA Treatment Principles* means the legislative instrument of that name made by the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission* under section 286(1)(a) of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*;

- *Treatment Principles* means the legislative instrument of that name made by the *Repatriation Commission* under section 90(1) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
- *Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006* means the legislative instrument of that name made by the *Repatriation Commission*, comprised of modifications to the *Treatment Principles* under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, under section 16 of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act 2006*;
- *Repatriation Commission* is the body continued in existence by section 179 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

## **Schedule 1**

The *Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. R52) is varied in accordance with Part A.

Note: the reference to “Part A” in Part A does not form part of the instrument in Part A.

## Part A

### Variations to the Treatment Principles

#### 1. Paragraph 2.2.8 (including the heading and the note)

*substitute:*

#### **No Overseas Veterans' Home Care**

**2.2.8** The *Commission* will not accept financial liability for the provision overseas of treatment under the *Veterans' Home Care Program*.

#### 2. Paragraph 11.9 (including 11.9.1 – 11.9.8)

*omit.*

#### 3. Schedule 1

*substitute:*

<b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b>
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The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Allied Health Providers (paragraphs 3.5.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);

5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);
6. Pricing Schedule for visual aids (paragraph 3.5.1);
7. The fourth edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (commonly known as DSM-V) (paragraph 2.4.2A);
8. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
9. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
10. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
12. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
14. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
16. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
18. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
20. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
22. Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs Classification System and Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees — Community Nursing Services (paragraph 6A.4.2(b));

23. Notes for Coordinated Veterans' Care Program Providers (Part 6A);
24. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);
25. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
26. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Services (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Provider Notes (paragraph 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
27. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
28. General information about VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (paragraph 1.4.1);
29. Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists & General Practitioners through the Medical Benefits Schedule Initiative  
  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mentalhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/better-access-through-mbs-1>;
30. Gold Card (paragraph 1.4.1);
31. White Card (paragraph 1.4.1).

is 6 February 2015.



## **Schedule 2**

The *MRCA Treatment Principles* (Instrument 2013 No. MRCC53) is varied in accordance with Part A.

Note: the reference to “Part A” in Part A does not form part of the instrument in Part A.

## Part A

### Variations to the MCRA Treatment Principles

#### 1. Paragraph 2.2.8 (including the heading and the note)

*substitute:*

#### **No Overseas MRCA Home Care**

**2.2.8** The *Commission* will not accept financial liability for the provision overseas of treatment under the *MRCA Home Care Program*.

#### 2. Paragraph 11.9 (including 11.9.1 – 11.9.8)

*omit.*

#### 3. Schedule 1

*substitute:*

<b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b>
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The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Allied Health Providers (paragraphs 3.5.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);
5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);

6. Pricing Schedule for visual aids (paragraph 3.5.1);
7. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
8. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
9. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
10. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
12. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
14. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
16. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
18. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
20. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs Classification System and Schedule of Item Numbers and Fees — Community Nursing Services (paragraph 6A.4.2(b));
22. Notes for Coordinated Veterans' Care Program Providers (Part 6A);
23. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);

24. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
25. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Services (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Provider Notes (paragraph 1.4.1 and 7.1A.1);
26. Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) Outreach Program Counsellors (OPC) Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
27. General information about VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (paragraph 1.4.1);
28. Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists & General Practitioners through the Medical Benefits Schedule Initiative:  
  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mentalhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/better-access-through-mbs-1>;
29. Gold Card (paragraph 1.4.1);
30. White Card (paragraph 1.4.1);

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## **Schedule 3**

The Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006 (Instrument 2013 No. R54) is varied in accordance with Part A.

Note : the reference to “Part A” in Part A does not form part of the instrument in Part A.

## Part A

### Variation to the Treatment Principles (Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests) 2006

#### 1. Item 59. Schedule 1

*substitute:*

#### **59. Schedule 1**

*substitute:*

<b>SCHEDULE 1 DATES FOR INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS</b>
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The date for :

1. Notes for Local Medical Officers (paragraph 1.4.1);
2. Department of Veterans' Affairs Fee Schedules for Medical Services (paragraph 3.5.1);
3. Notes for Allied Health Providers (paragraphs 3.5.1 and 7.1A.1);
4. Optometrist Fees for Consultation (paragraph 3.5.1);
5. DVA Schedule of Fees Orthoptists (paragraph 3.5.1);
6. Pricing Schedule for Visual Aids (paragraph 3.5.1);
7. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dentists and Dental Specialists (paragraph 3.5.1);
8. Fee Schedule of Dental Services for Dental Prosthetists (paragraph 3.5.1);
9. Chiropractors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);

10. Diabetes Educators Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
11. Dietitians Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
12. Exercise Physiologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
13. Occupational Therapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
14. Osteopaths Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
15. Physiotherapists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
16. Psychologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
17. Podiatrists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
18. Social Workers Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
19. Clinical Counsellors Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
20. Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees (paragraph 3.5.1);
21. Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Classification System and Schedule of Item Numbers and  
Fees — Community Nursing Services;
22. Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP) National  
Guidelines (paragraph 11.2A.1);
23. RAP National Schedule of Equipment (paragraph 11.2A.1);
24. White Card (paragraph 1.4.1);

is 6 February 2015.