



Australian Government
Repatriation Medical Authority

Amendment Statement of Principles
concerning
DEPRESSIVE DISORDER
(Balance of Probabilities)
(No. 28 of 2024)

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

Dated 22 February 2024.

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

Professor Terence Campbell AM
Chairperson

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1 Name

This is the Amendment Statement of Principles concerning *depressive disorder (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 28 of 2024).

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on **26 March 2024**.

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 *depressive disorder (Balance of Probabilities)* (No. 12 of 2024) (Federal Register of Legislation No. F2024L00046) is amended in the following manner:

| Section | Amendment |
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| 9(7) | <p><i>Replace the existing factor in subsection 9(7) with the following:</i></p> <p>experiencing a category 2 stressor within the 6 months before the clinical onset of major depressive disorder, major depressive episode, persistent depressive disorder or premenstrual dysphoric disorder;</p> <p>Note 1: A category 2 stressor can arise in a variety of circumstances connected with service. Such circumstances can arise during the course of service, as a result of separation from service and the conditions associated with that separation, and in the transition to civilian life in the years following separation.</p> <p>Note 2: <i>category 2 stressor</i> is defined in the Schedule 1 - Dictionary.</p> |